

Histadrut rejects Orgad plan for wage and price freeze

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Figures to be released today by the Central Bureau of Statistics are expected to show a 13 to 15 per cent rise in the Consumer Price Index for February, Treasury officials said yesterday.

Against this background, the Histadrut yesterday rejected a Treasury proposal to freeze prices, wages and exchange rates within the framework of a "package deal" accord.

The Histadrut leadership said a wage freeze is not possible in the light of the erosion in the real value of wages.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel said Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad has, in the last five months, followed a policy of massive cuts in subsidies and massive hikes in the prices of subsidized goods and services.

"We cannot agree to the (freeze) proposal since our policy is to protect the worker's real wages for

the whole year," said Meshel. The Treasury proposal applies only to half a year.

The Histadrut rejection, Cohen-Orgad said, meant it would take longer, and would be more painful, to reduce the inflation rate.

Cohen-Orgad vowed to maintain his current policies and not to allow real wages to rise above their 1982 levels.

Gad Ya'acobi, chairman of the Knesset Economic Committee, said the planned freeze would be an inflationary time bomb, unless the government reduced the printing of money.

Cohen-Orgad's proposal was made with an eye towards elections in November 1985 and as a means of meeting Tami's demand for a wage and price freeze, Ya'acobi said.

Avner Ben-Yakar, chairman of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, yesterday welcomed a "package deal," pointing out that his organization had called for it months ago as a means of getting

the economy on an even keel. However, he noted that any such arrangement could only succeed and receive the blessing of the federation if the government would cut its budget tremendously, and would also abstain from imposing new taxes.

Eli Hurvitz, president of the Manufacturers Association, said yesterday that the association is "ready to sit down at the negotiating table immediately, without any prior conditions."

Hurvitz did not think the format of the past "package deal" was suitable for today, but felt a new format could easily be worked out. "Nevertheless, despite our willingness to negotiate, we do not believe that any agreement between the government, the Histadrut and the association will succeed, unless the proper economic background has been created." The budget would have to be "cut drastically," he said.



Despite the rain, two girls get into the Purim spirit in Jerusalem's Geula neighbourhood yesterday. (See item — page 3.) (Elihu Harari)

Treasury 'on right course' IMF report says

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Qualified support for the Treasury's policies is expressed in an interim report by a delegation from the International Monetary Fund which yesterday ended a two-week study-visit here.

The delegation yesterday presented Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum and Treasury Director-General Emanuel Sharon with its initial findings. The final version of the report will be submitted to the fund in June.

In its interim report, the delegation states that recent Treasury measures represent a change in the right direction, although it warns that the effort to cut government

spending must be sustained. The report warns the Treasury against underestimating the importance of reducing inflation and says that the ministry's handling of balance of payments problems should be accompanied by efforts to slow inflation.

The delegation stresses that the government should reduce money

printing and encourage savings. It agrees with the current devaluation policy, but says that the compulsory deposit on imports should be abolished.

In its report, the delegation says that a package deal agreement on wages and prices should complement cuts in spending and cannot take their place.

Drops of up to 40% on stock exchange

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yesterday's trading on the stock exchange was marked by some of the heaviest losses in recent months, with 353 securities falling by margins of between 5 and 40 per cent. Of these, 115 issues were

"sellers only," including 47 issues "sellers only" for the second consecutive session.

The Bank of Israel intervened in the trading of those bank shares covered by its agreement after their prices had fallen by 5 per cent.

No one hurt in six attacks on IDF in South Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — There were six attacks on the IDF in Southern Lebanon during the past 24 hours. No soldiers were reported killed or injured. Most of the attacks were in and around Sidon.

A grenade was thrown on Tuesday night at a Border Police patrol in Sidon.

Early yesterday morning two roadside bombs exploded in the western sector, one as an IDF convoy was driving by. The first charge,

weighing 15 kilograms, went off south of the Zaharani River. The second bomb went off near the town of Ansariya between Tyre and Sidon.

Yesterday afternoon a 10-kilogram charge went off east of Sidon as two IDF vehicles were passing by.

A katyusha rocket was fired during the afternoon at an IDF position in the Nabatiya area.

A rocket-propelled grenade was fired at an IDF position yesterday afternoon in Sidon.



Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart with his wife Lee at a rally in Washington Tuesday night after winning primaries in the Northeast and South on "Super Tuesday." (UPI telephoto)

But Mondale still in the race

Solid wins by Hart in five states

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Gary Hart said yesterday he expected to become the Democratic presidential candidate now that he had shown his appeal to widely different regions of the country in the "Super Tuesday" round of voting on Tuesday.

The 47-year-old senator from Colorado was the apparent winner in five of nine states in the balloting.

But rival candidate Walter Mondale, only weeks ago the overwhelming favourite to win the nomination, managed to stay in the race with victories in Alabama and Georgia, two key southern states, after four consecutive losses to Hart.

Hart swept primary elections and party caucus votes in Florida, Massachusetts, Nevada, Rhode Island and Washington.

President Ronald Reagan yesterday expressed readiness to hold an arm-wrestling contest with Hart. He was reacting to a journalist's question about the age gap between the Democratic contender and himself. A few weeks ago Reagan beat an editor of a body-building magazine in such a contest.

The primaries' outcome ended the race for former senator George McGovern, who formally withdrew, and dashed the hopes of space hero John Glenn and black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.

Jackson vowed to continue. But Glenn was meeting campaign aides in Washington to discuss his prospects after failing to score the big victory he had hoped for in the South. He campaigned hardest there.

Hart said yesterday: "We

demonstrated strength in the South and the West.

"I think one candidate, hopefully myself, will have a majority of the votes," when the primary elections to choose delegates to the party convention end in June.

By most unofficial counts, former vice-president Mondale, the choice of the party hierarchy and trade union leaders, still holds a wide lead over Hart in the race for the 1,967 delegates (out of 3,933 delegates) needed to win the nomination at the July convention in San Francisco.

The voting Tuesday added about 160 delegates to Hart's total, which is still below 200, and provided Mondale with about 150 to bring him close to 300.

But Hart's solid wins in voting in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

NEWS BACKGROUND/Robert Rosenberg and Michal Yudelman

Officer's suspension exposes personal police rivalries

The suspension of a senior Tel Aviv police officer is interpreted among police ranks as the opening shot in the struggle for the post of inspector general when Rav Nitzav Arye-Ivtzan eventually leaves his post.

Many on the force also say the struggle that burst into the open this week could not be taking place if there were a minister devoted solely to the police and politically strong enough to provide the force with some backing.

The suspended officer, Nitzav Mishne Asaf Hefetz, was commander of the elite central department of the Tel Aviv police. He was suspended on suspicion of "providing classified information to unauthorized persons" — a reporter from Ma'ariv. The information concerned a year-old intelligence report in which the Tel Aviv police informed the Jerusalem police about suspicions regarding the ac-

tivities of Shimon Barda, a still-at-large suspect in the case of the gang apprehended for allegedly trying to bomb the Temple Mount.

The intelligence report was not very substantial, but the Jerusalem police did follow it up, to no avail at the time. The newspaper report claimed that an "order from above" had halted the inquiry, and that already a year ago, the Tel Aviv police were on the trail of Barda as a suspected hoarder of grenades. The police have denied the report, but nevertheless decided to suspend Hefetz who last night refused to comment on any aspect of the case.

According to police sources, Hefetz has become a pawn in the real struggle between what can be described as the Ivtzan forces, which include Tel Aviv commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman, and Ivtzan's internal opposition, led by Nitzav Zvi Bar, head of operations, and Nitzav David Kraus, head of

the police internal disciplinary corps. Both were candidates for inspector general in the past but were passed over in favour of Ivtzan.

Hefetz's suspension, even though it has now been substantiated that he did not originate the leak, came as no surprise to those familiar with the strained relationship between Hefetz and Turgeman, his immediate boss. The tension in large part stems from Turgeman being an Ivtzan loyalist, while Hefetz's police patron was Bar.

Turgeman, a spit-and-polish policeman with a reputation for somewhat pedantic fairness, saw in Hefetz a strong rival, not for the ultimate command in Tel Aviv but for the loyalty of the police force in the region.

Hefetz, who came to the police from the army, combined brilliant administration with an open mind for original ideas from his subordinates. He also organized the

glamorous anti-terror unit in the Border Police.

Both Turgeman and Ivtzan are known among the press corps as particularly interested in the media coverage given the force and them personally. Turgeman's style as an able diplomat, a political presence fitting in well in the world of local Tel Aviv politics, is similar to that of Ivtzan.

Another element in the affair is the wiretapping of senior officers' phones, rumoured for three years in Tel Aviv but only confirmed this week. In the press, police sources say the wiretaps were placed on many of the ranking brass because of the need to expose crime, and Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy, head of the criminal investigation department, said "all taps are after we convince a District Court president of the need."

The first confirmation of the existence of the taps was a result of

the use of the tapes of Hefetz's telephone conversations his disciplinary trial.

Ivtzan yesterday said "the time has come to end the leaks." To the press and to many officers it sounded ominous.

Said one senior police source distant from the fray of the struggle: "This is not a totalitarian country and there is no reason for the police to become secretive about their activities."

Still another element in the controversy involves the envy with which the recent successes of the Southern District seem to have infected the Tel Aviv District. While Tel Aviv provides most of the "ordinary" crime such as robberies, drugs, organized crime etc., the Southern District, sprawling over Judea, the Negev, Gaza and Jerusalem has the "headline crime" — terror, both Arab and Jewish. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Cease-fire a relative success Leaders weigh Saudi-Syrian Lebanon plan

LAUSANNE (AP). — Rival Christian and Moslem leaders suspended plenary sessions of Lebanon's peace talks for 24 hours yesterday and huddled in private talks in search of a compromise agreement on the future shape of government in their war-torn nation.

Negotiations moved into private rooms and suites after a heated debate over controversial working papers presented by pro-government Christian leaders and the Syrian-backed opposition.

The Christians demanded setting up a Swiss-style federation allowing local autonomy for the different religions with a federal government in Beirut retaining jurisdiction in foreign, defence, economic, monetary and development policy.

The opposition parties viewed the plan as the first step towards partition. Their plan called for a united Lebanon after secularization of government posts, long dominated by Maronite Catholics.

Conference sources said Syria and Saudi Arabia's "observers" sought to make participants accept a compromise solution, calling for administrative decentralization in Lebanon and the end to the distribution of public offices along religious lines.

Conference sources said participants agreed to leave unchanged the tradition under which the presidency goes to the Maronites, the post of prime minister to the Sunni Moslems and the position of president of parliament to a member of the Shi'ite Moslem community.

A moderate Moslem participant in the talks, who asked not to be

identified, said the proposed compromise would also provide for additional government posts — including three deputy prime ministers — to satisfy other religious groups in Lebanon.

He said the opposition's demand for the creation of a senate that would elect future presidents in a joint session with the current 99-seat unicameral parliament did not appear in the compromise proposal.

A pro-government source said the conference participants, in their private consultations, were trying to solve the problem prompted by opposition demands for a reduction of the presidential term from six to three years. This has been termed by the Christians as unacceptable.

The opposition plan was endorsed as a joint working paper by both Druse chieftain Walid Jumblatt and Shi'ite Moslem leader Nabih Berri. Berri has already said he and his ally are willing to negotiate all points in their plan except for two — reducing the president's term and secularizing government posts.

Syrian Vice-President Abdul-Halim Khaddam, the central figure in the Lebanese reconciliation conference, and Saudi mediator Rafik Hariri were reported seeking agreement for equal Moslem-Christian representation in parliament. Up to now, the Christians have held a six to five majority under an unwritten agreement that dates back to 1943.

Khaddam has invited Lebanon's veteran Christian leaders Pierre Jemayel and Camille Chamoun to Damascus for an official visit, the Phalangist Radio in Beirut said last night, in a report monitored by Israel Radio. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Israel scotches report that it wants new Lebanon pact

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

An Israeli official last night ridiculed Lebanese reports that Jerusalem wants to renegotiate a security agreement with the Beirut government to replace last May's accord which has been abrogated by President Amin Jemayel. "It does not even merit a denial," the official said.

Earlier in the day, the Beirut newspaper *Al-Nahar* quoted an unnamed "highly informed Lebanese source" in Lausanne as saying Israel had threatened to disrupt the cease-fire if Lebanon fails to negotiate a substitute for the pact. The report said the warning was served in

private contacts between Israeli observers, also unnamed, and Lebanese officials in Lausanne.

Earlier agency reports from the Swiss city said that Uri Lubrani, Israel's coordinator of activities in Lebanon, was in Lausanne to monitor the Lebanese reconciliation conference currently taking place there. But in Israel, an aide to Lubrani said the Defence Ministry man was in Tel Aviv last night.

Al-Nahar said Syrian Vice-President Abdul-Halim Khaddam, who is taking part in the Lausanne conference as an observer, made no objections to Lebanon's willingness for new negotiations on security arrangements with Israel.

Alignment may shortly bid for new elections

Post Knesset Correspondent

The Alignment Knesset faction may present a bill to dissolve the Knesset next week, if it finds enough support from the Tami faction, plus a couple of Likud renegades.

The faction executive last night gave Labour chairman Shimon Peres and faction chairman Moshe Shahal authority to contact other

factions and see whether the dissolution bill (which would entail elections) has the necessary majority.

Less than one third of the Alignment executive attended the meeting, which does not detract from the validity of the decision, but rather reflects the general disbelief that a majority can be formed for the dissolution bill.

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Plans to exile 'moderate' Palestinian leader

By MICHAEL KILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is planning to banish a Palestinian leader who has been kept incommunicado under military guard for the last 11 months.

The man, Abu Ali Shahin, is reportedly a friend of Yasser Arafat's and a moderate Palestinian nationalist who has encouraged contacts towards peace with Israel. He is regarded as having considerable moral authority among Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shahin served a 15-year term in Israeli jails after he was arrested in Hebron for being the Fatah commander in the area. He refused to

ask for the customary one-third remission of his sentence under parole, and since his release has been subject to official constraints of varying severity in the Gaza Strip.

Military sources said last night that Shahin is being banished because he never had the right to live in the Gaza Strip. The sources said he infiltrated from Jordan shortly after the Six Day War, and was allowed, for a while, to stay in Gaza.

But Shahin's attorney, Leah Tzmel, said at a press conference yesterday that Shahin was in Rafah when the war broke out, and was

registered in Gaza in the post-war census that determined eligibility to live in the area. At one time after his release from jail, the authorities wished to banish him, but Tzmel appealed to the High Court of Justice with an affidavit from a Rafah official who said he had seen the form with which Shahin registered in the census. The army then cancelled that banishment order.

The military source could not explain last night why Shahin had been allowed to stay in the Gaza Strip if indeed — as the authorities claim — he infiltrated from Jordan. The source said Shahin was allowed to stay "out of consideration," but

could not say what had changed now.

Shahin is now confined to the village of Dahaniya, in the south of the Gaza Strip. Dahaniya is surrounded by barbed wire, with a military guard. Under the terms of his confinement he is not allowed to leave the village, must be at home from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and is "not allowed to have contacts with other people," without permission from the military governor of Gaza.

Shahin was not even allowed to see his wife until Tzmel appealed to a military appeals court who gave her permission to visit him for one-and-a-half days a week. (Continued on back page)

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BRUSSELS	0 32	10 50	Clear
CHICAGO	19 66	23 73	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	-4 25	1 34	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	-1 20	6 43	Clear
GENEVA	-5 21	7 45	Clear
HELSINKI	-10 14	4 38	Clear
HONG KONG	21 70	28 77	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	16 61	24 70	Clear
LONDON	4 38	10 50	Rain
LUXEMBOURG	3 37	10 50	Clear
MADRID	3 27	10 50	Clear
MONTREAL	-11 12	-7 19	Snow
NEW YORK	-4 25	1 34	Cloudy
PARIS	-2 26	12 49	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	20 68	32 40	Clear
SAO PAULO	17 63	28 77	Clear
STOCKHOLM	-8 18	6 39	Clear
TOKYO	1 34	4 38	Snow
VIENNA	-8 21	2 38	Clear
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Scattered showers.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	92	4-10	10
Golan	83	5-9	8
Nahariya	85	4-7	6
Safed	85	4-7	6
Haifa Port	55	11-16	16
Tiberias	45	10-18	17
Nazareth	45	10-18	17
Afula	67	9-15	16
Shimon	84	6-11	11
Tel Aviv	61	9-17	17
B-G Airport	74	9-15	16
Jericho	45	9-20	20
Gaza	65	11-16	17
Beersheva	70	9-16	16
Eilat	22	15-24	22

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor and Mrs. Savidor hosted a dinner on Tuesday at their official residence in Jerusalem, in honour of the Brazilian Ambassador H. E. Mr. Lauro Soutello Alves and Mrs. de Soutello Alves. Attending the dinner were MKs Rafael Suissa, Micha Reisner, Yair Tsaban, Dan Tichon, Ya'acov Tsur and representatives of the Foreign Ministry.

Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov and Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman had lunch yesterday at the Knesset with members of the M.D.R.T. Club headed by its president, Ben Feldman. The group is here as guests of the Israel Insurance Association.

Mapam MK Yair Tsaban was yesterday awarded the "Itamar Ben-Avi shield" honouring the most courteous Knesset Member, named after the first Hebrew-speaking child, Itamar, son of Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, the father of modern Hebrew.

The 1984 Prof. Raphael Freund Memorial Prize for popular science and technology writing was awarded yesterday to Raphael Falk, professor of genetics in the Alexander Silberman Institute of Life Sciences of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Mathematics and Science.

Former MK Zalman Shoval will discuss economic prospects at the Rotary Club meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1.15 p.m. today.

Eilat to get art award

Jerusalem Post Reporter
EILAT. — The "Travelling Top Hat" award is to be given to Cityhall for its activities in theatre, dance, music and the plastic arts. The award is given in honour of Ze'ev Yosifon, who brought travelling troupes into the ma'abarot (temporary villages) in the 1950s, wearing a top hat on his head.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Hard-line rabbis veto Petah Tikva accord

By SARAH HONIG and MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

PETAH TIKVA. — Disagreement within the religious camp yesterday put an end to efforts by Agudat Yisrael MK Avraham Shapira to reach a compromise on Sabbath entertainment here. An angry Petah Tikva Mayor Dov Tavori, after being kept waiting for 3½ hours while the rabbis wrangled, vowed that his city's residents will continue to enjoy "the freedom to choose how to spend Friday night."

A scheduled second meeting between Shapira and Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres was called off, and Peres later announced that he is pulling out of any further mediation efforts in the dispute.

Religious dissension apparently vetoed a compromise which Shapira outlined to Peres and Tavori at their previous meeting on Monday. According to the proposal, there would be no Friday evening movies in Petah Tikva, but "cultural programmes" which would not entail desecration of the Sabbath would be permitted. These would mostly involve discussion or live interview evenings, and tickets for them would be sold only before sundown Friday.

Reliable Labour sources said last night that there was considerable party pressure on Tavori to agree to the proposal, and that he was ready to fix his signature to the document Shapira had prepared, to put an end to the conflict in his city.

But while the country's two chief rabbis gave their blessing to Shapira's compromise, Petah Tikva's own chief rabbis did not. Moreover, Shapira's own patron in Agudat Yisrael, the Rabbi of Gur, is totally opposed to any sort of compromise.

Shapira sought to convince the



Petah Tikva Mayor Dov Tavori. (Hartati)

local Petah Tikva rabbis, not to reject his ideas, and hence the postponed appointments with Peres. The Aguda MK explained to them that only they can put an end to the dispute, and warned them that if they ask for too much, they will end up getting nothing. But the rabbis said they could not ensure that there would be no Sabbath desecration if the compromise were adopted. To their minds, the best guarantee would be to close places of entertainment in town from Friday night to Saturday night.

The local rabbis finally left the Knesset yesterday after explaining that they have to hold further consultations on the matter. Tavori departed in a huff after a 3½-hour wait. When all attempts to revive the talks failed, Peres then announced that he is pulling out of the mediation effort altogether.

"Shapira has been talking all day on the radio about an agreement," Petah Tikva city spokesman Dan Ben-Canaan said. "But we did not see any agreement." The municipal council intends to stick to its policy of "opening" the town on weekends and holidays, he said.

The issue now apparently reverts to the local level. Without pressure on the local militants from their respective party headquarters, it is feared that the deadlock will deepen, and both sides will become more intransigent.

Peres meanwhile continued to come under strong fire in the Alignment for having moved in the first place to seek a compromise in what is perceived as a strictly local battle. A scathing attack came from MK Shulamit Aloni, who contended that Peres, with an eye constantly on possible coalition combinations, is out to court religious support even at the cost of support from the citizens rights lobby.

Meanwhile, Petah Tikva police commander Rav-Pakad Ya'acov Barza denied rumours that he intends to resign following the storm raised by Saturday's arrest of the town's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Baruch Salomon.

Barza said that the investigation against Salomon, who is suspected of leading a religious mob into the Gan Eden Cafe Saturday morning and wrecking it, is continuing. Religious circles are organizing a demonstration outside City Hall tonight, with former entertainer Uri Zohar, since turned Orthodox, due to address the crowd. A second demonstration, also called by religious circles, has been called for Friday night at the same place.

2 local Americans to Democratic parley

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TWO Israeli-Americans, David Froehlich and Shirley Olman, have been elected as delegates to the Democratic Party presidential nominating convention in the U.S. in the summer.

This is the first time that two Israelis will represent Americans living in this country at the Democratic convention. Other overseas delegates elected come from Belgium, France, Germany and Switzerland.

Democrats living outside the U.S.

were generally apathetic about the primary, with only 2,700 voting by postal ballot. But since the ballots had to arrive in the U.S. this week by mail, the voting generally took place before the rise of Gary Hart as serious competition for Walter Mondale.

Both Froehlich and Olman are uncommitted. But Froehlich said that he strongly leans toward Hart, having been impressed by him during a meeting two years ago. About 900 Americans from Israel sent in ballots, but not all were received in time to count.

HART-MONDALE

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Florida, the seventh largest U.S. state and one with a broad spectrum of voters, was enough to make him the man to beat for the nomination. Mondale campaign manager Bob Becker said that despite setbacks for the former vice-president there would be no major change in tactics.

"We have got a long-distance race. We had hoped we would be able to get this over early but this race is going into June," he said. Votes were still being counted in Oklahoma, where Hart and Mon-

dale were level. In Hawaii, more than 60 per cent of the voters favoured an uncommitted slate of delegates.

The Hart-Mondale battlefield moves on Saturday to South Carolina, Arkansas, Michigan and Mississippi, which account for nearly 300 delegates to the convention. Michigan, with 155 delegates is the most important state. Nearly a quarter of the state's 5.6 million voters are union members, and the vote will test Mondale's claim to trade union support.

Hart said that Illinois, the fifth biggest U.S. state which holds its primary election on March 20, would be the next "watershed state," and predicted he would get his share of the Michigan vote.

Former president Richard Nixon offered his view of the contest Tuesday night during an appearance at the Economic Club of New York.

Confident that Reagan would beat either man, Nixon said Mondale had benefitted from the fight with Hart because "only one thing is worse for a candidate than being wrong and that's being dull. Until Hart got into the race, it was dullsville out there."

SCHOLARSHIPS. — The Delek Fund yesterday awarded IS13 million in scholarships to high school pupils and university students at a ceremony in Haifa University.

Welcome Back to Israel

(from winter vacation in the "Jewish Homeland" of Miami Beach, Florida).
Ms. Belle Kirschenbaum of New York and Jerusalem. Belle is a dynamic benefactor of numerous worthy causes here in Israel and the United States. Some of her past projects are: Young Israel, Hebrew University, Mizrahi, Hadassah, etc. Belle is one of the founders of "Oron," the only braille monthly publication in Hebrew.
Welcome to Israel: Miriam Sarah Schneider, born on March 10, 1984, in Jerusalem. The proud parents are Steve and Shoshana Schneider. Steve plays piano at the Moriah Hotel, Jerusalem.
From the Capt. Yehiel and Roth Golevsky Langer Hospitality Foundation, One Maple St., Jerusalem.



Jerusalem police commander Tat Nitzav Rahamin Comfort (in sunglasses) directs policemen investigating the death of a man who was found yesterday in a car on the road behind Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem. (Vitzbak Elharar)

Man found dead in car in Ein Kerem

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A resident of the Dehaishe refugee camp was found dead in a car belonging to a Dimona driving school yesterday afternoon about a kilometre from Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem.

The 45-year-old man had facial injuries, particularly on the chin. The Jerusalem Post has learned, but there was no evidence of an accident except for the position of the Peugeot 504, which was a few

metres off the road in some bushes. Investigators reached the scene a few minutes after the body was discovered yesterday afternoon by a passerby. Jerusalem police commander Tat Nitzav Rahamin Comfort arrived on the scene shortly afterwards.

A police spokesman said that if the preliminary investigation — including consultation with the man's family and with the car's owner — indicates foul play, a special investigating team will be set up.

Jail terms for throwing petrol bombs

NABLUS (Itim). — Two West Bank men were sentenced yesterday to prison terms for throwing molotov cocktails at Israeli vehicles and other offences.

Hazam Dukan, 19, of the Balata refugee camp, was also found guilty of membership in Fatah, for recruiting four others to the organization and of writing a leaflet calling for strikes and demonstra-

tions and distributing it in Nablus schools. He was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Suleiman Fritakh, 20, of Nablus, received 4½ years in prison and another 2½ years suspended for throwing four petrol bombs at Border Police vehicles.

The two were tried by a three-judge military court, presided over by Aluf Mishne Amnon Strasnov.

El Al 'could operate' if U.S. workers strike

NEW YORK (AP). — El Al Airlines says if American ground workers go on strike at midnight tonight, the airline will continue its passenger and cargo service by replacing strikers with management personnel.

"We have a total plan of operation. We are totally capable, not just of running the airline, but of flying it on time and according to schedule," general manager David Schneider said on Tuesday.

But union leader Gene Hoffman scoffed at the idea that El Al could maintain service "unless they bring in an enormous number of strikebreakers from Israel."

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers has vowed to strike the financially ailing carrier unless the airline drops demands that the union surrender long-held benefits and work rules.

Atlit salt workers end two-day strike

HAIFA. — The 80 employees of the Atlit salt works ended their two-day strike yesterday, which was held in protest against the import of Rumanian salt.

But they are continuing sanctions by refusing to allow table salt out of the plant until the Industry and Trade Ministry imposes new con-

trols on the import of cheap foreign salt.

The strike was prompted by the arrival in Haifa Port on Sunday of a 170-ton cargo of Rumanian salt imported by poultry farmers.

Stevedores who had previously refused to offload the cargo, unloaded it yesterday by order of the labour court.

Jerusalem families protest against Rassco delays

Jerusalem Post Staff

A group of Jerusalem families, who say their dream of better housing has turned into a nightmare, demonstrated opposite their contractor's office in the town centre yesterday afternoon.

Some 100 members of the 116 families in the housing scheme huddled together in the cold and rain to protest against the Rassco company. They said Rassco has not

completed the Bayit Beysrael houses in the capital's Ramot Bet suburb, even though the original contract promised completion of the scheme by June 1983.

CHORUS. — The 180-member Winfield Chorus of Winfield, Kansas, will perform the Felix Mendelssohn oratorio *Elijah* in the city auditorium in Haifa on March 18, to benefit the Rothschild Hospital.

POLICE

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And they have had some striking successes recently, attributed in large part to Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi's organization of his command. Caspi is not now in the running for the inspector general post — even though several top inspector generals, including Itzhan, have come through the southern district command.

Caspi is considered both a good administrator and good director of police work in the field. Turgeman, on the other hand, in Tel Aviv, is said by his subordinates "to care more about whether a detective shaved than whether for the last three days and nights he's been awake and on the case."

Almost immediately after the leak about the Temple Mount gang, "neutral" sources in police national headquarters were describing it as "a Tel Aviv attempt to grab some of the limelight from the Southern District." Indeed, already on the day of the leak, there were rumours, still not denied by any source at any level, that the original leak came from the highest levels of the Tel Aviv force.

And as has often happened in the past, many experienced officers are blaming Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

"If we had a minister who was committed to us, to law enforcement, to the profession, and most important, who provided leadership, this wouldn't be happening," said the veteran officer. He recalled former police minister Shlomo Hillel taking daily interest in police investigations, studying the details of cases and throwing his weight behind the police whenever controversies arose.

Meanwhile, Itzhan has not hinted of any plans to retire, but this week's events leave him weakened inside the force. Among the rank and file, the natural tendency is to side with operations officers, the men in the field, who represent a style of leadership reminiscent of combat units in the army. Indeed, much of the current

struggle is the result of the resignation three years ago of then inspector general, Herzl Shafir.

He came from the army, promising to bring some of the ideas he developed there to the police. He brought new management techniques and encouraged unconventional thinking. But he clashed with Burg and was deposed, resulting in Itzhan's appointment.

Said the veteran officer yesterday: "It can't all be traced back to that. Burg doesn't want a police force that makes waves, or that demands a reasonable budget that he cannot produce. Itzhan is perfect for him. Shafir, on the other hand, was perfect for us."

Asker Wallfish adds: The Knesset Interior Committee will next week discuss Hefetz's suspension, which sent a ripple of excitement through the House yesterday, provoking several comments.

Likud MK Ehud Olmert said it would be unfair and counterproductive to give Hefetz any punishment harsher than a reprimand.

The Alignment's Yosef Sarid, Ya'acov Tsur and Shulamit Aloni said the police should find out who buried the original intelligence material about the mystical cult which plotted the blast a year ago, instead of hunting for leaks today.

Benny Shalita (Likud) said that the wiretapping of police officers' phones proved that the force is demoralized and that the top brass in Jerusalem is out of contact with the officers and police on the beat. Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment) tried in vain to address an urgent parliamentary question to Burg, asking him why nothing was done with the intelligence information last year.

Opening of Hellenic House hints at thaw in Greek stand

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem and Athens, whose cultures intermingled in antiquity but whose incarnations as modern capitals have been marked by remoteness, moved a hesitant step closer yesterday with the dedication of Hellenic House at the Hebrew University.

One of the highest ranking of official Greek delegations ever to visit Israel, including a former president of Greece, Prof. Constantine Tsatsos, participated in the ceremony.

The building on Mount Scopus, a gift of the Jewish community of Salonika, was dedicated to the memory of 65,000 Greek Jewish students slain by the Nazis in World War II.

Noting the tremendous impact of Hellenism on Judaism, Prof.

Avraham Wasserstein of the Hebrew University Classics Department said Greek was sometimes used for prayers in synagogues in ancient Palestine. Rabbinical literature contains some 2,500 "loan words" from Greek.

Also addressing the audience were Constantine Alavanos, secretary-general of the Greek Ministry of Culture and Science; Leon Benmayor, president of the Salonika Jewish community; and Hebrew University President Don Patinkin.

Among the 100-member Greek delegation here are Salonika Mayor Theodoris Manavis; Helen Vlachou, editor-in-chief of the Athens newspaper *Kathimerini*; Constantine Coroules, head of the Cultural Treaties Department of the Ministry of Culture and Science; and Dimitri Nikolaidis, chairman of the Hellas-Israel League.

PLO gunman to be arraigned in Athens

ATHENS (AP). — A Palestinian gunman who planned to kill Israel's diplomatic representative in Greece will be arraigned today on charges of conspiracy and illegal possession of arms, a security police source said yesterday.

The gunman, identified as Ali Abdel Rahim, 27, from Tripoli, Lebanon, was arrested with a loaded pistol on Tuesday outside head of mission Yehzekel Barnea's home in Athen's Psychico suburb.

The police source said Rahim belonged to the Fatah faction of the PLO and had been "trained to carry out terrorist activities."

The source said Rahim travelled from Tunis, where the PLO has its headquarters, to Rome and then to Athens.

Rahim told police he met two other Palestinians in Athens, who gave him the pistol and drove him to Psychico, the source said.

U.S. legislators try to block missiles to Jordan, Saudis

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A bipartisan group of U.S. congressmen yesterday formally introduced legislation to block the Reagan administration's proposed sale of Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

The action came just one day after President Ronald Reagan personally urged support for the controversial transactions, insisting they were in America's and even Israel's best national interest.

At issue are the sales of over 1,600 Stingers to Jordan and another 1,200 to Saudi Arabia. Leading the House fight against the sales are Democratic Representative Larry Smith of Florida and Republican Ben Gilman of New

York, both members of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

They have the support of Democrat Clarence Long of Maryland, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, and Republican Jack Kemp of New York, the ranking minority member of that panel.

A similar effort to block the sales is gaining momentum in the Senate. Republican Bob Kasten of Wisconsin and Democrat Daniel Inouye of Hawaii are taking the initiative there.

Despite these efforts, most observers continue to believe that the sales will eventually win approval, but probably only after a prolonged battle.



Meir Agassi (right) and David Ehrenfeld photographed at the beginning of their trial yesterday in Rehovot. (Shafir)

Anghelovici disinterment trial opens

REHOVOT (Itim). — The trial of Meir Agassi and David Ehrenfeld, charged with disinterment of the remains of Tereza Anghelovici from a Jewish cemetery and dumping them in Ramle's Muslim graveyard, opened here yesterday in the magistrate's court.

The court postponed till tomorrow its decision on a police request to remand the two suspects in custody until the end of the proceedings.

Judge Edmond Levy acceded to the defendants' plea for a postponement on the grounds that the chargesheet only reached him on Tuesday.

The charge sheets state that on the night of March 1, Agassi and Ehrenfeld dug up the grave in the Rishon LeZion Jewish cemetery by candlelight, took out Anghelovici's body and transported it to the Muslim graveyard in Ramle, where they dumped the body in a shallow grave.

The two suspects are charged with an infringement of health regulations (improper burial), which carries a maximum penalty of six months jail or an IS50,000 fine, and with dishonouring the dead, which carries a maximum penalty of two years jail.

LEBANON PLAN

(Continued from Page One)
Wadhi Haddad, President Amin Jemayel's national security adviser, told reporters that a plany session was scheduled for today at 11 a.m. after private meetings to "reconcile views."

He said the discussions at yesterday's session were "positive and friendly."

Khadam met with Berri and Jumblatt and later conferred with Jemayel on the proposed compromise.

Jumblatt and former president Camille Chamoun, once bitter

enemies, had lunch together at a neighbouring hotel, and were seen smiling together when they walked back to the Beau Rivage Hotel, where the conference is being held.

Jumblatt addressed the session, and renewed his call for "those responsible for murders and destruction."

In Beirut, meanwhile, sniper fire and shell blasts echoed sporadically yesterday. But police said a one-day-old cease-fire was "generally holding" on Lebanon's traditional war fronts.

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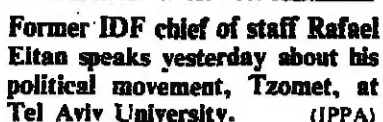
By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Nasr e-Din said the message he was sending back to his co-religionists in Lebanon via the emis-

had to speed up the IDF withdrawal from Southern Lebanon as much as possible, and since the cantonization idea could create conditions enabling a withdrawal, Israel should do nothing to hamper the idea. It should do everything to promote the idea, provided it did not acquire a "made-in-Israel" label, which could sabotage it.

• Last Wednesday, several hundred

In the Golan on Tuesday, a Syrian flag was flown from atop a school in Majdal Shams. It was removed by security forces, who are investigating the incident.



charged with damaging a firetruck which arrived at the scene to put out the blaze.

Police believe the five suspects are linked to other terrorist incidents. (Itim)

Justice Moshe Beisky said that he would publish a reasoned judgment at a later date.

The Hydra, one of 11 survey vessels in the British Navy, has been operating in the Red Sea since November, collecting data for Admiralty navigational charts.

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After three motions for the agenda were presented — by members of the National Religious Party, the Likud and the Alignment — Agricultural Minister Pessah Grupper admitted that agriculture is in trouble. And since the question is one of money, Grupper moved that the matter be referred not to

Yehezkel Zakai (Alignment) said that since the subject has been repeatedly discussed both in the plenum and in Knesset committees with no result, farmers should block traffic with their trucks and tractors and stop sending produce to local market.

At a meeting to discuss the proposed Postal Authority Law, union secretary Reuven Ben-Ami said that if the bank and the service are not transferred to the Postal Authority, they will fight against the legislation. The purpose of setting up the authority in the first place would be thwarted if the bank and the service are not included, because the authority would then be

Gordona hit the sports pages after a sparkling performance last

Jerusalem Post Staff
The first *garin Nahal* pioneering settlement group of the *Mesorai* (Conservative) Movement in Israel was sworn into the Israel Defence Forces at a ceremony in Jerusalem yesterday.
The 12 male members of *Garin*

He is said to have told the younger footballer that if he wanted to play soccer on Saturdays, he had "no place in the school."

Noam were among a larger group of Nahal soldiers being sworn in, at the start of their basic training.

Garin Noam, together with a civilian settlement group of immigrants, Garin Nitzan, will settle the first *Mesorati* kibbutz in Galilee, Kibbutz Hanaton, later this year.


Purim will be marked on Saturday night and Sunday in most of the country, and on Sunday night and Monday in those cities, such as Jerusalem, Tiberias and Safad, that were surrounded by walls at the time of Joshua.

Most rabbinical experts agree that the Neve Ya'acov and Gilo quarters do lie contiguous to built-up areas and are therefore considered part of Jerusalem for the purpose of Shushan Purim observance.

CARMEL — Traffic diversions will take effect in the Central Carmel quarter of Haifa from next Monday due to telephone cable-laying for a new exchange.


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


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Arab League asks others not to prolong Gulf war

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — Arab League foreign ministers yesterday called on the rest of the world to refrain from any measures that directly or indirectly prolong the Gulf conflict between Iraq and Iran.

They agreed at an emergency Arab League meeting here to set up a high-level committee to "make international contacts to stop the war and to persuade nations to exert peaceful efforts and refrain from taking any measures that directly or indirectly lead to the continuation of the war."

The committee will comprise Arab League secretary-general Chelid Klibi and delegates from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Morocco, Tunisia, Kuwait, Jordan and North Yemen.

Ministers also condemned Iran for its "aggression" against Iraq and

said Teheran's refusal to negotiate would "push Arab states to reconsider their relations with Iran."

Although the resolution gave firm support to Iraq, conference sources said it did not meet Baghdad's hopes during the meeting for specific tough economic moves against Iran.

Conference sources said Iraq's Foreign Minister Tarek Aziz had pushed behind the scenes for the Arab world to call on Iran's major trading partners to cease dealing with Teheran.

The sources said the 19 member states of the 22-member Arab League were clearly unable to reach an acceptable formula for such a call after only 24 hours in the Iraqi capital and the resolution appeared to be a watered-down version.

Diplomats said the resolution could be interpreted as meaning that

countries which helped Iran's economy, supplied it with arms and spare parts or otherwise contributed to its war effort should cease doing so.

Iraq called the meeting to discuss the escalation of the 41-month-old war following a major Iranian offensive on the southern front.

It also pressed its partners to accept the principle that no Arab nation would try to mediate with Iran.

Iraq yesterday said its forces crushed a fresh Iranian offensive east of the southern Iraqi port of Basra in a five-hour battle killing over 1,700 Iranian troops.

A high command communiqué said the Iraqis launched their attack in the early hours of the morning.

It said 1,728 Iraqis were killed

and many more wounded, and four tanks, six armoured personnel carriers and other equipment destroyed.

Iraqi helicopter gunships hit Iranian troop concentrations east of Basra and east of the river Tigris further north, inflicting heavy losses, the communiqué added.

Meanwhile, a team of UN-appointed experts arrived yesterday in the Iranian city of Ahvaz to investigate accusations of Iraq's use of chemical weapons, the national Iranian news agency Irna said.

The agency said the team advanced the visit by one day following a request by Iran's war information headquarters.

Iran says more than 1,700 Iraqis have been victims of Iraqi chemical warfare attacks since it launched an offensive last month.

Burning Soviet Navy ship spurns U.S. carrier's aid

A Soviet cruiser with 460 men aboard refused assistance from a U.S. aircraft carrier after apparently catching fire while shadowing NATO's biggest ever naval maneuvers, a U.S. admiral said Tuesday aboard the USS Mount Whitney off the Norwegian coast.

Vice-Admiral Joseph Metcalf, in charge of NATO's teamwork 84 Exercise, said black smoke started billowing from a Soviet Kresta 11-class cruiser as it was trailing the 60,000-ton U.S. carrier Independence off Norway on Monday.

The admiral, however, discounted speculation reports by U.S. officers that the crew of the 7,660-ton Soviet cruiser took to battle stations when the carrier, which has nearly 5,000 men aboard, started to approach the distressed warship.

"Speaking on board the flagship of the huge NATO fleet making for northern Norway, the admiral told a press conference that the Soviet ship had been in difficulties for several hours, but had turned down a U.S. offer of help made over a special radio channel."

Meanwhile, an undisclosed number of Soviet submarines and six surface "intelligence collector" ships were sighted Tuesday off the Norwegian coast.

Lt.-Col. Ulmar Wollan of the Norwegian Army said long-range Bear and Badger reconnaissance aircraft also had been spotted in the gap between Greenland and Norway where naval units taking part in the exercise are concentrated. (Reuters, AP)

Three Belfast men arrested after Sinn Fein leader shot

BELFAST (AP). — Gunmen in a car shot and wounded Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams, head of the Irish Republican Army's political arm, in downtown Belfast yesterday in an apparent assassination attempt, police said.

Three men from a Protestant area of Belfast were arrested, police said. Police patrolling the area reportedly saw the shooting and rammed the gunmen's car.

A Royal Victoria Hospital spokesman said Adams underwent surgery and was in stable condition.

Adams, 35, was elected last June as a member of the British Parliament from West Belfast, but he refuses to take his seat.

He is widely regarded as the architect of the IRA's two-tiered strategy of waging terrorism against the British while fighting through the election process to give Roman Catholic nationalists a foothold in the Protestant-dominated province's politics.

Adams, a key figure in the nationalist movement since the early 1970s, was twice interned by the British as a suspected IRA leader. He has been arrested several times but has never been convicted of any terrorist crime.

Pershing-2 missiles 'in secret exercises'

LONDON (Reuters). — U.S. Pershing-2 missiles deployed in West Germany have secretly undergone their first training exercises, *Jane's Defence Weekly* magazine reported yesterday.

The magazine said the highly-accurate nuclear missiles had been taken out on at least two occasions. The Pershing-2 bases, Heilbronn, Neu-Ulm and Muntlingen, are all in the Stuttgart area.

West Germany is the only NATO country to receive Pershing-2s, under the alliance's programme of deploying 572 medium-range cruise and Pershing missiles.

The British government announced last week the first deployment exercise of U.S. cruise missiles based at the Greenham common air base in southern England.

California governor vetoes homosexual bill

SACRAMENTO (Reuters). — California's Governor George Deukmejian yesterday vetoed a controversial homosexual rights bill, prompting outcries from the state's large and influential gay community.

The bill, passed by the legislature after an eight-year battle, would have forbidden employers from dis-

criminating against homosexuals.

Deukmejian, who has never been enthusiastic about gay rights and would have faced a backlash from conservative supporters had he signed the bill, said in a statement that its backers had failed to produce compelling evidence of widespread job discrimination against homosexuals.

American murderer executed with injection

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP). — James David Autry, convicted of killing a convenience store clerk over payment for six cans of beer, was executed by injection early yesterday in Texas' powder-blue death chamber.

Autry, 29, was killed with an injection of sodium thiopental, better known as sodium pentothal or truth serum. The drug quickly stops breathing and heart beat. It was used

only once before to execute a U.S. prisoner.

The execution followed Tuesday's Supreme Court ruling which, by a 7-2 vote, refused to hear arguments aimed at overturning Autry's death sentence, including the contention that the condemned man has suffered enough.

Last October Autry's execution was stopped 30 minutes before it was to have started.

Wildcat strike closes 132 British coal mines

LONDON (AP). — A wildcat strike spread to 132 of Britain's 174 coal mines yesterday as the National Coal Board went to court seeking to prevent pickets from blocking other miners who want to work.

There were ugly scenes including scuffles at coal mine facility gates as militant miners from strike-bound Yorkshire set up picket lines in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

where miners were still working.

At one mine in Nottinghamshire, three policemen were injured — none of them seriously — as they tried to stop brawling officials said.

The Yorkshire miners have vowed to spread their action, caused by the state-owned coal board's plans to shut down unprofitable mines, to the entire workforce of 183,000.

Spanish fishermen burn more lorries

MADRID (Reuters). — Six more lorries, three French and three Norwegian, were burned Tuesday night by Spanish fishermen attempting to block the French border in protest at last week's French Navy action against two Spanish trawlers.

The Basque fishermen, who have burned 17 lorries since they started picketing the Iron frontier over the weekend, have extended their blockade eastwards to the Navarre and Catalan passes and warned that lorries from European Community countries would not be safe anywhere in Spanish territory.

Sports

Kashi lifts RG to crucial triumph

By DON GOULD

Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV — "It wasn't the premises of games but we won, and in the end that's what counts," said a contented Steve Kaplan. The veteran Hapoel Ramat Gan star was speaking after his team had qualified the hard way for the final of the National League basketball playoffs by stopping Hapoel Tel Aviv 79-71 in the third and deciding semi-final encounter at Yad Eliyahu on Tuesday night.

Ramat Gan now face Maccabi Tel Aviv in a best-of-three final series for the title and the right to represent Israel in the prestigious European Cup next season. The first game is a week from today.

The Ramat Gan triumph was a hard-earned business. Both sides had difficulty working up a favourable rhythm until Ramat Gan got an unexpectedly handsome offensive push from their reserve guard Yossi Kashi. In a game so close that the lead changed hands no fewer than six times and scores were tied on 11 occasions, the first half alone, Kashi came off the bench and pumped in 17 second-half points with a 100% shooting average to cool his team's attack along with Kaplan.

Ramat Gan had five men in double figures more than offsetting Lavon Mercer's game high 21 points. Part of Tel Aviv's sorry performance may be laid down to the fact that key players fouled out early and that Kenay Levranowski was lost because of injury before the half.

NBA results — Milwaukee 116, Detroit 85; Los Angeles 114, Seattle 96; New York 117, Phoenix 96; Washington 108, New Orleans 103; Chicago 103, Philadelphia 121; Indiana 106, San Antonio 137; Dallas 131 in double OT Houston 117, San Diego 109; Chicago 112, Golden State 101; Utah 124, Portland 119.

Tennis juniors

in splendid start

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Seventeen-year-old Gilad Bloom and Menashe Tsur both got off to good starts, when the 13th Asian Junior Tennis Championships got under way in Singapore yesterday with the participation of players from 15 nations.

The first-round singles matches were notable for a rare sporting encounter between Israel and Pakistan, with Tsur coming through 6-3, 6-4 against Asad Aslam. Tsur had earlier conceded only two games to the Philippines' Joseph Lizardo in qualifying competition. Bloom, seeded sixth in the 36-draw, beat Louis Pan of Hongkong 6-1, 6-2 in the opening round.

Sportoto Guide

State Cup games and English First Division matches take the place of Israeli league games on this week's Sportoto coupon. A minimum total of IS45 million will be distributed in prizes. But the cost of an entry has been upped to IS30 per line.

Eight persons who started IS45 million tickets for the week's Sportoto had lost IS3.5 million. Twelve results right, were enough to get a piece of the first prize action, as the game between Maccabi Jaffa and Hapoel Ramat Gan was stopped before its end.

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Hap. Hadera vs Macc. Jaffa	X	X
Macc. Netanya vs Shimshon	1	1
Macc. TA vs Macc. Hadera	X	X
Asotz Villa vs Netot F	1	1
Macc. Uda vs Asotz F	1	1
Sototz vs Lierak	X	X
Stoke vs Birmingham	X	X
Watford vs QPR	X	X
Wolves vs Sunderland	X	X

* Note that the first match on the copy coupon has been incorrectly printed. Betar Tel Aviv are at home, not Hapoel Tel Aviv as the coupon states. To forecast a Betar win, enter a 1; for a Hapoel victory — a 2.

Watford hot

LONDON (Reuters). — Eton John Watford have been installed as clear favourites for the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup after being drawn to meet either Plymouth Argyle or Derby County in the semi-finals on April 14.

Everton, second favourites, will meet the winners of the quarter-final replay between Southampton and Sheffield Wednesday.

Midweek League results — FIRST DIVISION: Coventry 3, Aston Villa 2; Luton 2, Ipswich 1. SECOND DIVISION: Barnsley 3, Shrewsbury 0.

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TEL AVIV MUSEUMS

Tel Aviv Museum. Exhibitions: Comic Images in the Art of the 20th Century. Play Letter-Spelling. Israeli fashion designer (until 15.3 at 10 p.m.). Michal Kirshner, photographs; Classical Painting in the 18th century; Impressionism and Post-Impressionism. Twentieth Century Art. Viewing Hours: Sun., Thurs. 10-10. Fri. closed. Sat. 10-2. Tel Aviv Museum. Pavilion: New Exhibition A Pear and an Apple — Exhibition on Still-Life. Viewing Hours: Sun., Thurs. 9-1. Sat. 10-2. Fri. closed.

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18.20 Story Time

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes: 18.30 News roundup

18.32 Situation

18.45 Cartoons

19.00 Meeting — current affairs

19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup

20.02 Match of the Week

20.30 The Serpent's Secrets — nature film

21.00 Mabat Newsweek

21.30 Movie Time — bi-weekly cinema magazine

22.10 Reilly, Ace of Spies, part 2 of a 12-part serial based on the true story of the British master spy. Starring Sam Neill and Jeanne Crocker. Endeavour

22.30 Meetings — encounters between groups of people who usually have no opportunity to talk to one another

23.00 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17.30 Cartoons 17.30 (JTV) 51 Maccabi

18.00 French Hour 19.00 News in French

19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Benson 21.30 51 Elsewhere

22.00 News in English 22.15 Movie of the Week

MIDDLE EAST TV (From T.A. north): 13.00 Shape-Up 13.30 Westbrook Hospital

14.00 Another Life 14.30 Club 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Spiderman 17.00 Popeye 17.30 Flying Horse 18.00 Laramie

19.00 Bonanza 20.00 Another Life 20.30

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music

18.20 Musical Club

19.00 Tchaikovsky: Waltz from The Sleeping Beauty (Stokowski). Rosenberg: 2 Pieces from Trio to America; Arbenic: Moment Musical in Venice; Schubert: Moment Musical

20.30 Beethoven: Symphony No. 8 (New York, Bernstein). Vivaldi: The Four Seasons (Soloists of Huberman Festival

Isaac Stern, Pinhas Zukerman, Shlomo Mintz, Yehudi Perlman, IPO, Zubin Mehta; Raff, Ode to Spring (Michael Patrick, Elgar: Mountains in Basaria, Op. 27; Bourneville, Del Mar)

30 Handel: Concerto Grosso; Rissi: Piano Concerto No. 3 in C-sharp minor (Felicja Blumenthal, Salzburg)

Holbanes: Horn Concerto (Rimon, IPO, Amos, Glazunov: From the Middle Ages; Lebus: La Demoiselle aux Bains; Holbanes: Vaughan-Williams, Symphony No. 1 (Holbanes)

12.00 Ida Handel, violin; Geoffrey Parsons, piano — Beethoven: Sonata, Op. 10, No. 2; Chausson: Poeme

12.05 De Lalla: Nights in the Gardens of Spain; Glazunov: King of the Jews; Smetana: Fanny's from Les Fetes d'Hebe; Beethoven: Cello Concerto (Kostrovich); Ravel: Rhapsodie Espagnole

14.00 Musica Viva — Henri Breitt: Trombones; for Viola d'amore, Music Box and Organ. to be played four times

15.00 Debussy's Piano — talk by Arich

16.30 Zvi Harel, cello; Marica Bonderenko, piano — Mozart: Andantino, K. 46; Hindemith: 3 Pieces, Op. 51; Debussy: Sonata; Webern: Sonata (1951); Mendelssohn: Sonata No. 2, Op. 28

18.00 Music Magazine

18.05 Gabriel Noye Dimitis; Beethoven: Sonata No. 10 in G Major (Ilan Gould); Milhaud: Sandances do Brasil

20.30 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — Rostov: The Barber of Seville (Gary Benini)

21.00 Burney's Travels in Europe (part 3, repeat)

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10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew

11.00 School Broadcasts

11.30 Education for all

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13.00 News in English

14.00 News in French

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15.30 Speaker's Podium

15.30 Notes on a New Book

16.05 Middle East Crossroads

17.12 Jewish Ideas

17.30 Evening News

18.05 Economics Magazine

19.05 Music Today — music magazine

20.05 Israeli Hit Parade

21.00 Mabat — TV Newsweek

21.35 University on the Air (repeat)

22.05 Popular songs

23.05 From the Classical Record Shelf — with Dahi Lenz and Ariel Cohen

00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat

6.06 Morning Sounds

6.30 University on the Air

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YOU'VE put the kiddies to bed after their Purim party and now you want to have a Purimfest for grown-ups. With a little encouragement your guests will leave aside their daily cares and give the holiday its due in merrymaking.

Ask them to come in costume. Many grownups grumble about the bother, especially after being hard-pressed each year to come up with something original, comfortable and "in" for their kinds. But seeing other people in costume puts people in a festive mood.

Be sure to have lots of spiked punch, on hand. Israeli vodka is cheap and virtually tasteless when combined with sweet red wine and lots of fruit juice.

For each guest prepare a slip of paper with the name of a famous person written on it — a different name for each guest. When most of your guests have arrived, pin a name on the back of each of them. Each person must then find out who he is by asking questions that may be answered only by "yes" or "no." Since each guest may read everyone's famous name except his own, each one asks one question about himself and then answers one for his informant, and then turns to another guest. The game will make your guests mix, as each tries to discover his identity.

"Pass the Orange" is a silly game that is as much fun for adults as it is for kids. Divide your guests into two or more teams (at least five in a team), and have each team stand in a circle. Give an orange to one player in each team. The player passes the orange under his chin and must pass it to the next player

Coming to the aid of the Purim party

Esther Hecht

without using his hands. If the orange drops to the floor, it must be returned to the player who starts it around the circle again. The first team to pass the orange around the circle wins.

An "Orange Dance" works on a similar principle. Give each couple an orange, which they are to keep pressed between their foreheads while they dance. Once the orange is in place they may not touch it with their hands. If the orange drops to the floor, the couple must stop dancing and stand aside. The last couple dancing wins the game.

Now that you've worn out your guests, let them rest by lying on the floor on the backs, each with his head on the belly of another. The first person is to say "Ha," the second person is to say "HaHa," the third "HaHaHa," and so on. No one is allowed to laugh. The results are predictable.

BY NOW everyone has worked up an appetite, and you'll save yourself work and money if the guests have their own food. The following arrangement works best when all the guests are couples. Each couple brings a picnic supper (with a bottle of wine, of course) in a basket. Now all

the baskets are placed in the middle of the room. Toss a coin to decide whether men or women will do the choosing. Then the appropriate member of each couple chooses a basket (other than the one the couple brought) and dines with the member of the opposite sex of the couple whose basket it is.

Draw your guests out of their post-supper torpor by playing "Haman and Mordechai." From a deck of cards take out as many cards as you have guests, being sure to include the king of spades and the ten of diamonds among the selected cards. Shuffle the cards and place them face down on a table.

Whoever draws the king of spades is now Haman and whoever draws the ten of diamonds is now Mordechai. Mordechai is the only player to reveal his identity, and leaves the room (so that he does not become Haman's victim by mistake). The lights go out and everyone mills around the room until Haman picks his victim, whom he indicates by clapping him lightly around the throat.

The victim must remain at that spot and allow Haman 30 seconds to get away. Then the victim lets out a scream and falls "dead" to the floor. From now on the victim may neither talk nor move until Haman is detected. The lights are turned



Carnival costumes are the official hotel uniforms for Jerusalem's King Solomon Sheraton staff members, such as Ari Kleinman of the front desk (above), during the Purim celebrations.

on, and Mordechai returns to the room to catch Haman.

Mordechai may ask as many questions as he likes of anyone but the victim, and everyone but Haman must answer truthfully. Haman may lie as much as he likes. If Mordechai accuses three innocent people of being Haman, Haman goes free.

An exciting conclusion to a successful party is a raffle. The prize is a weekend for two at a resort hotel. If you have enough guests, the cost per person will be no more than the price of a movie. Write each couple's name on a piece of paper, fold the paper and drop it into a hat. Before the drawing have someone blindfold you as ceremoniously as possible. If you like, (and if there is enough money in the kitty), there can be a bottle of champagne for a runner-up, or, better yet, champagne to be shared by the guests in a toast to the winners of the raffle.

A gripping drama

Ya'acov Ben-Shaul

THE PURIM STORY contains all the ingredients of a gripping drama: suspense, hatred, sex and violence.

Perhaps the only narrative in the Bible to compare to the *Megillat Esther* in poignancy is the tale of Joseph and his brothers in Genesis 37.

The Gerer Rabbi said: "The 12 months are the same in number as the sons of Jacob; each month is a symbol of one of the tribes. The month of Adar represents Joseph, and inasmuch as two tribes are descended from him, we have two months of Adar in leap years."

Haman held the same high position as Joseph, but when he wished to annihilate the Jews in the month of Joseph, the latter's dream was fulfilled: "my sheaf arose and also remained standing upright." (Louis Newman, *Hasidic Anthology*).

Haim Leshem (*Shabbat & Jewish Holidays*) also draws many parallels between the two accounts of Esther and Joseph: Pharaoh's dream of the seven fat and lean cows is compared to King Ahasuerus' inability to sleep; two of Pharaoh's ministers offended the king, two ministers of King Ahasuerus plotted to kill the king; Potiphar's wife spoke to Joseph day by day, the king's servants spoke to Mordechai day by day; Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph's hand, the king removed his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman (and later to Mordechai);

principles.

In his book on Jewish holidays, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the former chief rabbi, brings a piquant explanation to this question. The rabbis of the Talmud and its commentaries strive to solve why Esther willingly lived with a heathen and did not sanctify God's name and let herself be killed. Rabbi Goren points out that this is precisely the reason that Esther concealed her Jewishness. Had ten or more Jews known, she would have had to sacrifice her life rather than become a queen.

According to this, we must assume that her neighbors, friends and family did not know she was taken to the palace; and there is no evidence that she stopped living with the king after she revealed her Jewishness. Perhaps allowances must be made when dealing with a came where the lives of all the Jews are at stake.

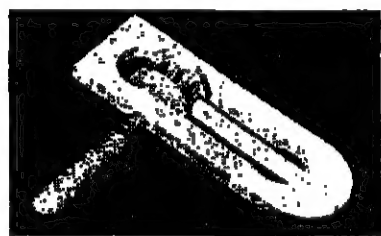
But why were the Jews to be killed? The Talmud answers because they ate and drank the non-kosher food at the king's party.

The Gaon of Vilna stated that when the Jews repented for this act, they were saved, and thus today we are required to remember this with a festive meal.

And the Ktav Sofer states that since the miracle began when the king (and probably Queen Vashti) were drunk, today we are required to get drunk on Purim.

Whittling away

Greer Fay Cashman.



prophetic verse from Jeremiah 31:17 *Thy children shall come again to their own border.*

A retired Egged bus driver, who has been whittling for as long as he can remember, Yuval, 48, began talking through his sculpture only three years ago, not long after he gave up driving buses after 23 years behind the wheel. He had always made wooden toys for his children, Hilla and Oren, and had crafted various pieces of furniture for his home.

On the basis of his wooden toys, he was accepted as a member of the Jerusalem House of Quality and subsequently invited to submit works for an exhibition of menorot.

Yuval works with many kinds of wood and travels country to salvage discarded trunks and branches. "It gives me a wonderful sense of achievement to make something beautiful from what has been discarded as useless; and to later give it to a great personality," he says.

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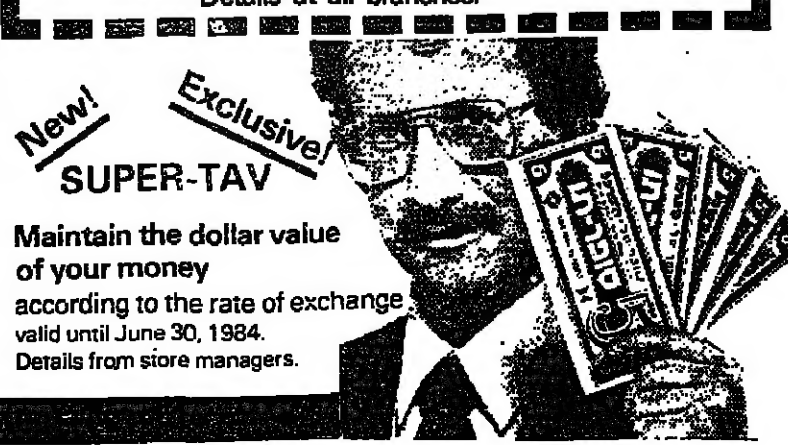
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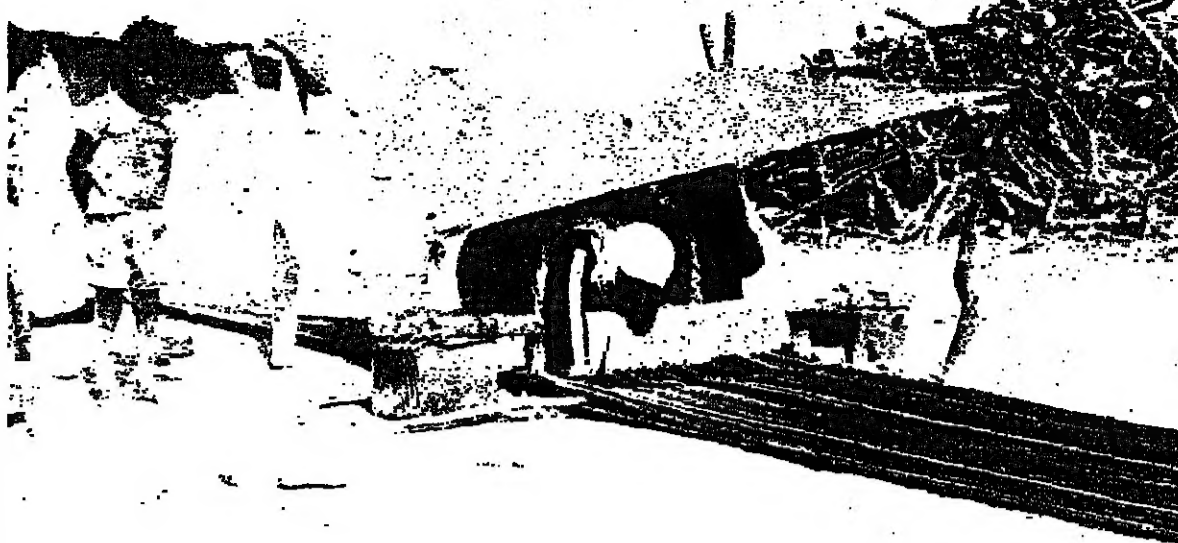
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Weaving a future

A Jewish-Beduin partnership in carpet making is aiming to provide work for 60 women in the Negev, reports Liora Moriel.



An example of the Beduin art of carpet weaving.

A BEDUIN and a Jew — Ahmed Abu-Shuldum of Arouar and Benjamin Yitzhaki of Beersheba — recently teamed up in a unique venture.

The two are setting up a carpet industry, but instead of producing goods using modern machines, they have decided to use the expertise of local Beduin women.

"I have experience," says Abu-Shuldum. "My mother and my sisters weave many beautiful carpets at home, and they are very much in demand."

Recently, these carpets — along with other hand-made crafts — were displayed during a three-day bazaar in a newly constructed school at Arouar. (Like Kuseifa not far away, Arouar, is a resettlement town, the inhabitants of which are mostly evacuees from the Tel Mahata area in the Beersheba valley.)

Traditionally, Beduin women of certain tribes weave carpets on sim-

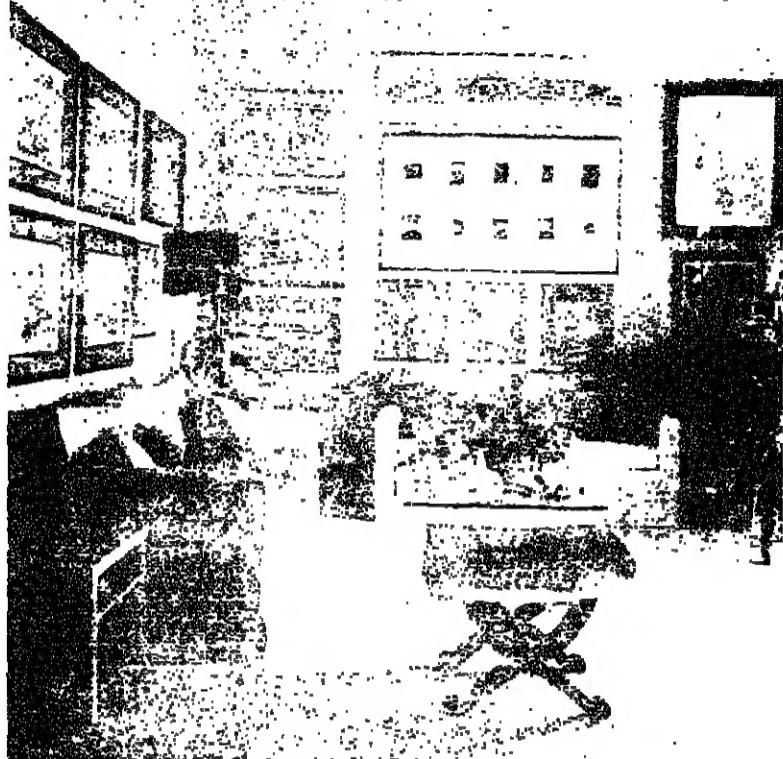
ple, hand-made wooden looms, using the hair of camels, dyed in spectacular colours. Other tribes, better known for their needlework. The men in the region, according to Abu-Shuldum, all work either as salaried employees or as independent businessmen. Most women of child-bearing age have their hands full. But young women who are no longer in school and not yet married are usually restless and bored, and the carpet factory in Arouar, when finally constructed — may be a profitable solution for them.

"We want to set up shop in Beersheba until our place opens in Arouar. We can employ at least 60 women," says Abu-Shuldum. "They will work either at home or in the factory, and the carpets will be sold through our Beersheba office."

Thus a cottage industry is being set up to promote and preserve a tradition which may otherwise disappear among the concrete.

Design-conscious

You don't have to shop abroad to find fashionable furniture, interior decorator Selwyn Elkin tells Gloria Deutsch.



Modern furnishings blend well with antiques in this living room.

SELWYN Elkin is a man with very strong feelings about the way things are done in this country as far as interior design is concerned. "Horrible, horrible, horrible," says Elkin of the ubiquitous shutters

on our windows. "Everyone is living behind these disgusting *trissim* (as if they are) in prison. Where else in the world do people shut out the light of day?" To illustrate what he means, he points to the tightly shut-

tered windows of the building opposite his elegant and welcoming shop in Tel Aviv (Rehov Ben Yehuda 179) where shade, if it is needed, is provided by a brightly striped awning.

Other pet peeves of Elkin — who came on aliya from South Africa four-and-a-half years ago and was resident designer for all Danish Interior stores until he set up his own shop recently — are the nest of oak tables ("the ugliest thing in the world") many people have, and the rooms that look as though their owners just walked into a store and bought everything in sight. To avoid that look, he advocates the use of antiques in modern schemes to soften the contemporary nature of the room and to add character.

Instead of the despised nest of tables, he would recommend a trip to Jaffa to hunt up old wooden tables of different shapes and sizes to be cleaned up and polished. There are real bargains in that flea market, Elkin insists.

"In London, prices are astronomical and you can't find certain items there any more. I was looking for a set of 12 antique

matching dining chairs but they don't exist any more in England. I found them here in the end, matching French chairs that had been here for several years."

At the time of this interview, Elkin had just returned from a buying trip to Europe with a wealthy client. (If money is no object, this is certainly a good way to shop!) The designer had everything lined up in London, where he had studied design before immigrating, and was able to direct his client to all the right places.

The trip — including his fare, board and fee, plus her purchases — ran into thousands of dollars. That's all very well, I said, but what about the Israeli couple starting out life in a small flat, without two shekels to rub together?

"Obviously I'm not going to suggest a silk sofa with down cushions for them (as I did for my client in London). I'd recommend two nice modern sofas and fill in with two or three occasional chairs. I'd achieve more character in the dining area by going to Jaffa and picking up, say, an old extension table and six to eight bentwood (bamboo) chairs which would be quite cheap. They

could be laquered in a bright colour and if the straw of a chair were broken, I would put a board on it and cover it with a pretty cushion."

No one needs to go abroad to shop, claims Elkin. He can come up with a design for anything from a two-roomed flat to a mansion with home-made and locally bought items. The designer also manufactures his own furniture — modern sofas with clean lines, upholstered in a variety of fabrics, and coffee tables made of plate glass supported by half-moon plexiglass legs.

In Elkin's showroom, the successful juxtaposition of modern with antique comes across clearly. He uses a simple plexiglass wall bracket to show off an exquisite antique vase, for instance. A real conversation piece is the four-poster bed, achieved with the clever use of fabric suspended from the ceiling and matching the headboard and footboard bedspread.

Individual items that were for sale at the time of my visit included an old French firescreen carved out of walnut which he'd found in Jaffa and estimated to be 130 years old. "I wouldn't sell it as a



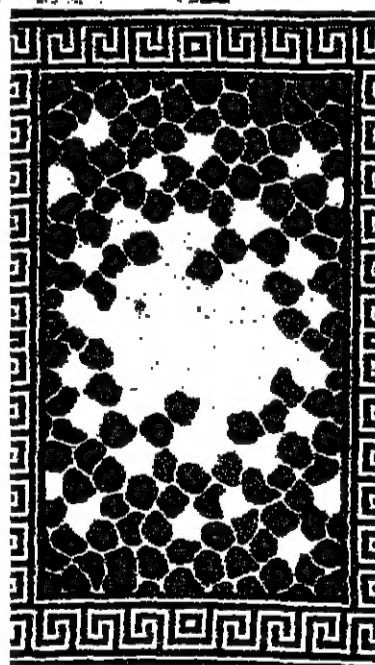
Victorian cabinet goes well with David Hockney etching.

firescreen," Elkin says. "It's too big and the silk embroidery is beyond repair." He would remove the legs and fabric and set a mirror in it. The price, finished, would be about \$500.

Another striking piece was the French marble fireplace, at \$1,400. "It's cheap," he says, somewhat defiantly. "A plain slab of white marble for my window display costs me \$500."

On the Market

For the home



AN AESTHETIC plastic tubing to cover outdoor or indoor television and telephone wiring has been put on the market by "Pal-Gal" of Kibbutz Hefziba in a variety of colours to match the walls of almost any building. The P.V.C. tubes have separate channels for two sets of wires and are said to lend themselves to easy, do-it-yourself installation. The tubing is supposed to withstand all weather conditions and radiation from the sun. The tubing is available from various telecommunications equipment suppliers.

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AMCOR got together with Britain's Soda Stream company and came up with a device for dispensing cold soda water that is affixed to refrigerator doors. Without opening the refrigerator door, one simply puts a glass under the Soda Stream spigot, moving a handle to allow the soda water to flow out. Refrigerator manufacturers around the world have already shown interest in this brand new device, which also can be operated to dispense ice water.

THE DISCOMFORT of dry air in heated homes can be counteracted by a new vaporizer called Edikal, developed and manufactured by Keter Plastics. It is particularly recommended for children and adults who suffer from bronchial ailments.

The apparatus holds 7.5 litres of water — sufficient for 10 to 12 hours of continuous operation — and has an automatic switchoff if the water falls below a certain level. The double-insulated vaporizer was manufactured in accordance with Standard 903 of the Israel Standards Institute. It is available in pharmacies and other outlets for medical equipment.

RITZPAZ WAX — a dual purpose product which waxes as it cleans the floors — has just been put on the market by Pazchem. It is bottled in the same type of plastic bottle as ordinary Ritzpaz, but has red and green lettering. The company says the two-in-one product will save both time and money. Its recommended retail price is IS891 for a 420cc bottle.

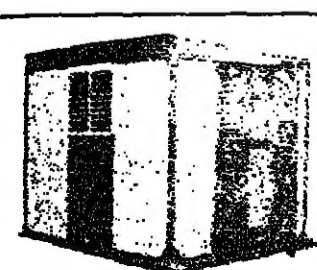
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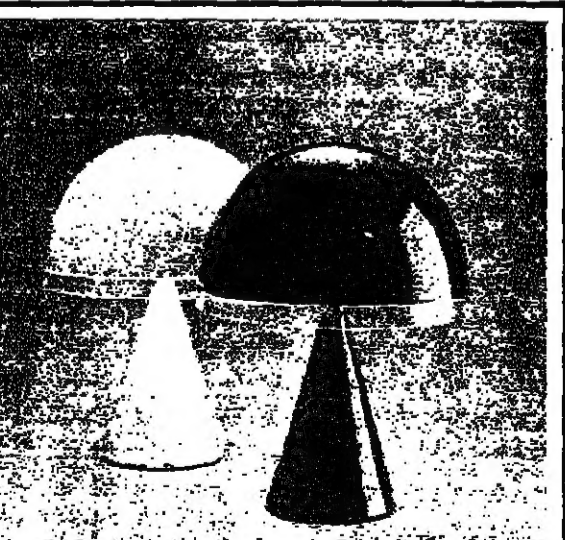
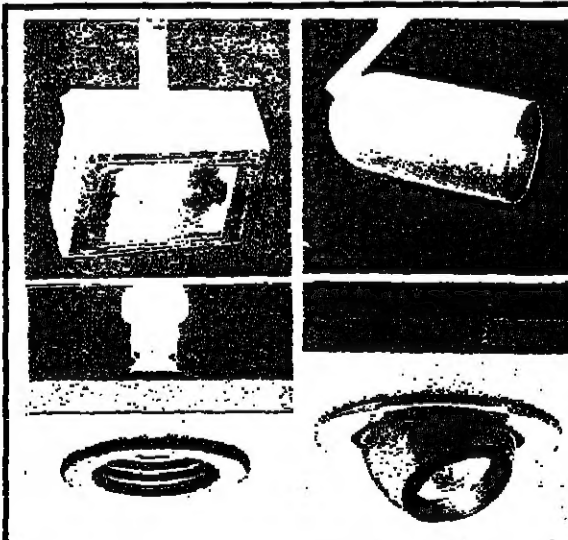
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Workers' playtime

An army of odd job men help Gloria Deutsch around the house.

IF — like me, you're blessed with a husband who doesn't know one end of a screwdriver from another (although I'm told he's very nifty with a scalpel), you need to have a whole stream of retainers to do the odd jobs around the house.

Apart from Ahmed, who looks after the garden, we've got for the painting, Haim for the plumbing and Yigael for the carpentry.

This means that I've become quite an expert at brewing Turkish coffee and serving it, preferably with home-made chocolate chip cookies (though they'll have shop-bought if there's nothing else available). Instant coffee is treated with the contempt it deserves, and if you make them a sandwich with bread that is more than a few hours old, you'll never see them again.

Also have to have something fairly tangy to spread on the bread — Turkish salad or *chug* on cottage cheese. No chocolate spread or jam for our brawny workmen.

Once, in a fit of defiance, I decided it was quite ridiculous to call Yigael every time I needed to hang up a picture. So I took the power drill which we'd optimistically put in our lift when we left England 10 years ago, removed its original wrapping and began to read the instructions.

It seemed easy enough. You just



A whole stream of retainers...

plug it into the electricity and push. Ten minutes later I had a small mountain of white powder at the bottom of the wall, a yawning hole which the nail wouldn't fit into, and a sore arm.

Yigael came over to patch it up and explained to me sternly but patiently about raw plugs. It cost me two cups of coffee, a piece of strawberry gateau and a lecture on how a woman should not intrude on a man's domain.

It's like a marvellous painter but doesn't like my taste. We always haggle about the colour.

"You don't want to do that wall off-white," he will say. "How about a nice lively fuchsia?"

"All right then, ivory."

"Bottle-green would be nice."

"I agree to cream and that's my last word."

Once, when I was in my eighth month, he painted the nursery. I insisted on blue.

"Why blue? Supposing it's a

girl?"

"It's not a girl, it's a boy."

"You can't possibly know that! Paint it purple or green or yellow. Then it will do for either."

"I want it blue and it's going to be a boy."

When, the following month, I gave birth to my son, Itzik came round with a bunch of flowers and barely concealed admiration. He thinks I'm some kind of a witch... How to explain to him the wonders of modern medicine and the ways that amniocentesis have simplified a painter's life?

Haim the plumber is very religious and if he disappears in the middle of de-bugging the loo, it's because he has to *daven mincha*. He wouldn't touch the Turkish coffee until he'd carried out a thorough inspection of my kitchen. But it seems I must be doing it right because he now partakes of the food offered, too, and delivers Mishnaic homilies in between mouthfuls of cake. He's

very learned, has a quote for everything, and thoroughly disapproves of the fact that I won't have any more children.

The Almighty said be fruitful and multiply.

"But I have, Haim. I've been fruitful and multiplied four times and that's enough."

"Four is nothing, a small family. We're expecting our seventh and with God's help we'll have many more."

Mentally resolving to send my son to plumbing and not medical school, I pour him his second cup of Turkish — hot and sweet — and then send him back to his drains as I have had all the haranguing I can take for one day.

In England the plumber didn't lecture you on getting pregnant, the painter didn't argue with you, and the carpenter didn't make you feel like a naughty schoolgirl. But these are just some of the joys of living in this country.

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Christine Darg discovers an unusual chandelier.

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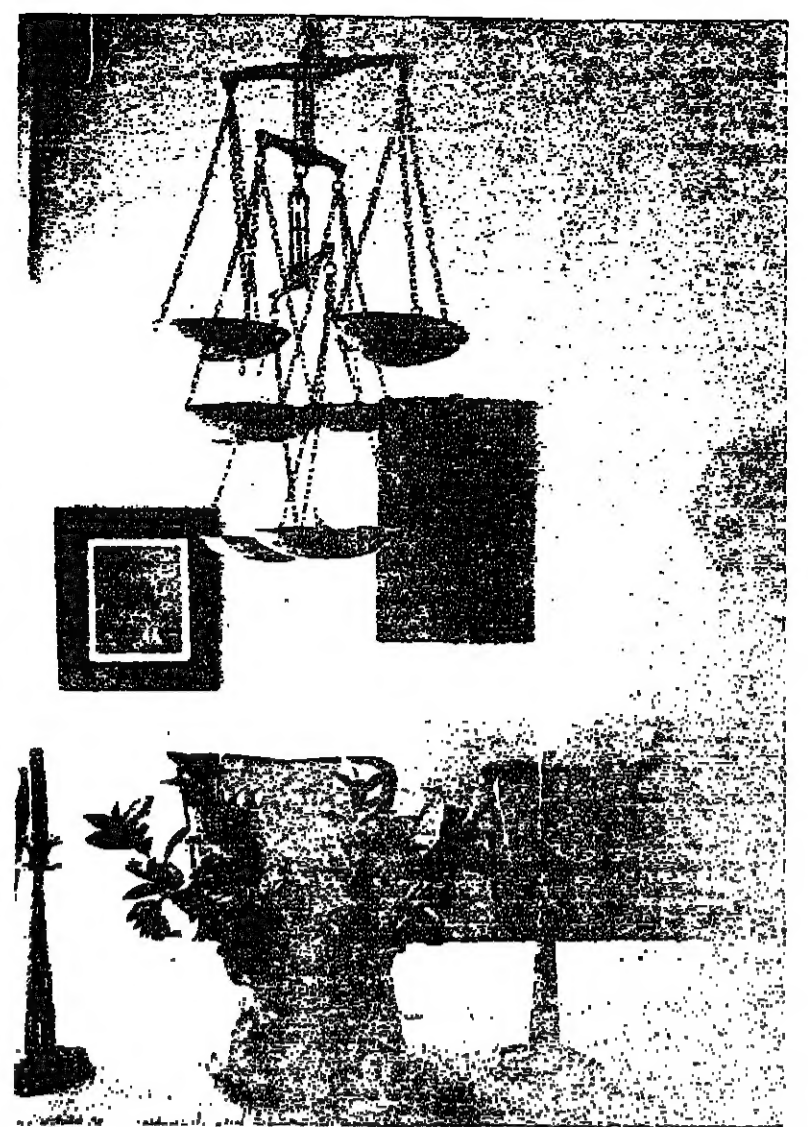
Purchase three inexpensive scales — the decorative kind — from Mahane Yehuda or other *shuk* street-vendors. Then suspend the scales together in three levels on a chain connected to a simple ceiling hook. Chubby, long-life candles in classic white or multiple colours, set on the scales, provide the balance — and a soft glow.

The "scale chandelier" seen in the photo was improvised by Merv Watson of Motza when he realized that there was no light fixture over the spot where he wanted to place his dining table. And, as it turned out, the concoction of scales combined with candles proved much more effective for dinner parties than conventional lighting.

Another equally effective place for the scale chandelier might be the ceiling over an entrance foyer or hall. Glowing candles provide a festive feeling when guests come and go.

Or, how about rigging the chandelier over a side serving table — a focal point which will tip the scales in favour of your decorating savvy. Even when the candles are not lit, the chandelier on its own is a strong decorative statement.

And the scale chandelier idea could easily be used in a salon setting as well, perhaps as a corner complement to a brass tray table. One need not use candles in such a setting: small potted plants could also hang in the balance.



Down to the nitty-gritty

- For the cleanest work clothes ever, add ½ cup of household ammonia to the wash water.
- For extra greasy jobs, add a bottle of cola to the water when laundering.
- To rid clothes of perspiration odour, soak them for several hours in a gallon of warm water to which ½ cup of salt has been added.
- For those with clothes dryers... If you're drying only a few items and are in a hurry, throw a clean bath towel in with the load. The

clothes will dry faster because the towel absorbs the excess moisture.

- When permanent-press clothes have become wrinkled from sitting in the dryer too long, reset the dryer for ten minutes and toss in a wet towel. The towel adds moisture and eliminates the wrinkles.
- Blue jeans blues
- To rejuvenate a pair of faded blue jeans, wash them in the same water as a new pair of jeans.
- If you don't want the colour to fade from new designer jeans, soak them in cold salt water for an hour

Helpful hints for the home

before the first laundering, and be sure to turn the pant legs inside out before each washing.

Another helpful hint

Sooner or later every mother faces the problem of how to put eyedrops in a little one's eyes. Have the child lie down and close his eyes, then place the drops in the corners. As the child opens his eyes,

the drops spread gently throughout the area. **MARY ELLEN PINKHAM**

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- Keep your solar water heater working at maximum capacity by making sure the mirrors on the roof are clean. If possible, climb up there every few weeks and wipe the dust off. You can also check that everything else is in proper working condition.

tapes. You can also use these open boxes on closet shelves to hold cosmetics, hair brushes, clips, hankies, socks and other small items that otherwise get lost on a closet shelf.

- Rather than throw it down the drain, water you've boiled eggs in can be used to feed your houseplants. You can also use any vegetable water you are not saving for soups or gravies. (Let the water cool, of course.) Egg shells contain calcium and lime, both of which can do your plants some good so you

can also use the eggshells. Rinse the shells first, let them dry thoroughly, then crush them by hand or in the blender. Add a few teaspoons to your potted plant soil.

- When shelling nuts, save the shells to use at the bottom of a potted plant the next time you repot, especially if you're using a pot without a drainage hole. Then the water can drain into the nutshells without sogging the earth and roots in the pot.

DEENA SATTLER

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

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Ne'eman warns of damage budget cuts do to research

Post Knesset Reporter
Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman thinks that research and development in many areas must be expanded considerably "in order to advance our industrial spearhead." Within the next 15 years expenditure on R & D should rise to 5 per cent of the GNP.

Reporting Tuesday on his ministry's activities, in the context of the budget debate, Ne'eman said that while he well understood the need for budget cuts, he had to warn against "irreversible measures."

"In the world in which we live, and under Israel's special conditions, we might need a generation to undo the damage that budget cuts would cause," he said. It was particularly important not to lower the standard of research in academic institutions, he added.

Ne'eman reported that the joint government-Zionist Organization

committee on settlement, of which he is acting chairman, had approved the ministry's decisions, budgeting funds to district development companies in the Golan, Judea and Samaria, Katif and the Arava.

He said these funds are to be used to examine science-based projects and to conduct surveys regarding the development of tourism or means of production in the areas noted. This activity would continue, with some cuts in the aid, in the new fiscal year.

Nahman Raz (Alignment) said in the debate that the number of scientists in Israel was on the decline. He said West Germany contributes more to research and development in Israel than does Israel through its own budget.

Imri Ron (Alignment-Mafam) said that the ministry deals too much with science at the expense of development. The government is cutting the development budgets by "tens of percentage points" and Ne'eman is silent.

Elbit reaches out for share of U.S. computer market

By DAVID RUDGE
HAIFA. — Elbit is set to break into the commercial computer market in America with a range of high-technology products.

The company has concluded a contract with a Florida-based export trading firm, Nicholas International, which will market Elbit's products in the U.S. and possibly other parts of the world.

The agreement was signed Tuesday in the presence of visiting Florida governor, Bob Graham, at Elbit's offices on the science-based industrial complex in Hof HaCarmel here.

Elbit's vice president of marketing, Ronnie Amit, told *The Jerusalem Post* that until now the firm did not have an outlet for its products in the U.S. It does however sell military electronic gear through various American corporations.

"We have an outlet in Europe through the West German firm Nixdorf, which sells our products under its name, and the turnover amounts to about \$10 million a year," said Amit. "We hope within two years to reach a similar turnover with Nicholas International."

He said that 75 per cent of Elbit's sales, which are expected to reach \$115 million by the end of the current fiscal year, were military products. "We see this new outlet as

a way of expanding sales of our products for the civilian market."

Nicholas International will market for Elbit the Anat computer series, which is compatible with IBM computers. Other products include data processing and communication systems.

Amit said the products would be sold to other computer-related companies which wanted to integrate these components into their own system. "This means that for the first time we will be selling commercial computer products in a country which is generally considered to be the land of computers," he said.

Nicholas International's president, Peter Vosatos, said that he was confident there would be a big market for Elbit's products in the U.S.

Rogovin to expand
TEL AVIV. — The management of the Rogovin textile plant yesterday wrote to Industry Minister Gideon Patt that despite the lengthy strike which paralyzed its Ashkelon plant it was continuing to expand production facilities. Some \$3.5 million was now being invested in new equipment which would eventually allow the company to raise its exports from the present \$8m. to about \$15m.



Industry Minister Gideon Patt (at left) meets this week in Jerusalem with French Minister of Research and Industry Laurent Fabius. (Elihu Harati)

Sales of Israel Can Corp. rose 21 per cent last year

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Can Corporation has announced its financial results for the year ending December 31, 1983, which show record sales of \$153.8 billion, compared with \$127.4 billion in 1982. Financing costs advanced from 11 per cent to 18.8 per cent of all costs.

The net profit for the year grew by 230 per cent and totaled \$542 million. Net earnings per share, based on weighted amount of share capital, grew by 182 per cent and came to \$0.73 in 1983, compared with \$0.21 at the end of June, 1983 and \$0.28 at the end of 1982.

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an average of 125 per cent last year. This was considerably less than the advance in the cost-of-living index as well as the devaluation of the shekel.

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Car rental firm didn't get a fair chance

TEL AVIV. — The Supreme Court yesterday ordered the Airports Authority not to open any tenders it had received for a car rentals concession until the court appointed a panel of three justices to hear the case of the Eldan car rentals agency. The company said it had not been given a fair chance to submit a bid.

Shmuel Herzog, an advocate appearing for Eldan, said that his

client had been asking for the terms of the tender since last November, but had received them only a week before the deadline.

The conditions were that bidders have at least 250 rental vehicles and six branches in Israel. It claims that if it had been given sufficient time, it could have increased its fleet to 250 and opened another branch, thus qualifying it to compete for the tender.

Tourism violations to be subject to fines

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Tourism Minister Avraham Shariar have issued an order whereby 60 types of violations of tourism regulations will now be subject to fines, instead of the formerly compulsory court prosecution.

When the new regulation goes

into effect on April 1, violators of tourism regulations in hotels, travel agencies, tours and other services will have the option of paying fines or going to court. The new system was decided upon following the success of a similar method introduced for traffic violations last year.

Warning against plan to raise income tax rates

By MACABEE DEAN
TEL AVIV. — Increasing the tax burden will only serve as an excuse to drive more of the economy underground, Avner Ben-Yakar, chairman of the tax sub-committee of the Coordinating Committee of the Economic Organizations, said yesterday. He was commenting on plans to increase taxes announced by the Finance Ministry.

Ben-Yakar pointed out that Israel today bears the heaviest tax load of any country, with taxes accounting for 53 per cent of the Gross National Product.

The solution to balancing the budget, he said, was to make the civil service more efficient, to cut the "swollen" government budget, adjust expenditures to income and intensify tax collections.

"Increasing taxes was the easy solution," he said. He added that "this solution will only increase the distortions in the present income tax system, while further swelling the collection machinery. The result will only be a marginal increase in revenue."

He thought that the Finance Ministry's talk about imposing taxes on "luxuries" was only paying lip service to political needs, without any real economic benefits to the government. Re-imposing the property tax would mean eliminating the last part of the tax reform.

Thatcher government unveils latest anti-inflation budget

LONDON (AP). — Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson unveiled a budget Tuesday that he said would stimulate business, reform the tax system and give Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher fresh artillery in the war against inflation.

The budget cuts the deficit, abolishes two key business taxes and raises excise levies on alcohol, tobacco, petrol and other commodities.

The London Stock Market reacted. The *Financial Times* index of leading industrial shares closed at a new high of 865.0, up 20.9 points. But Neil Kinnock, leader of the opposition Labour Party, complained that "the budget does more for financiers than for the country."

He said the budget's main thrust will be to continue the Tory policy of monetarism — keeping credit sparse and government spending closely reined.

Those policies have helped give Britain one of the lowest inflation rates in Europe, 5.1 per cent, but also one of the highest unemployment rates, 12.9 per cent.

Just hours before Lawson spoke, the government released industrial production figures showing output in Britain at its highest level in four years.

A key ingredient in the Thatcher mix has been low deficits. In last

year's £137.5 billion (\$206.25b.) budget, just £9.5b. (\$14.3b.) were in the red. This time, total spending will be £126.4b. (\$184.6b.), with a deficit of £7.25b. (\$10.6b.). Lawson said. The deficit represents 3.7 per cent of total spending, compared with 19.5 per cent for the U.S. deficit.

Lawson's budget also featured what he called a "radical programme of tax reform."

The British tax system currently gives generous allowances for investments made through insurance companies, pension plans and mortgages, but direct investments in stocks, bonds or businesses are heavily taxed.

The budget will eliminate the special treatment for investments in insurance and pension plans, but aims at stimulating directly productive investment by halving a stamp tax on most direct investments, emptying corporate bonds from capital gains taxes and abolishing an investment income surcharge.

In a further stimulus to business, Lawson announced plans to bring corporation taxes down from the current 52 per cent to 35 per cent in 1986-87.

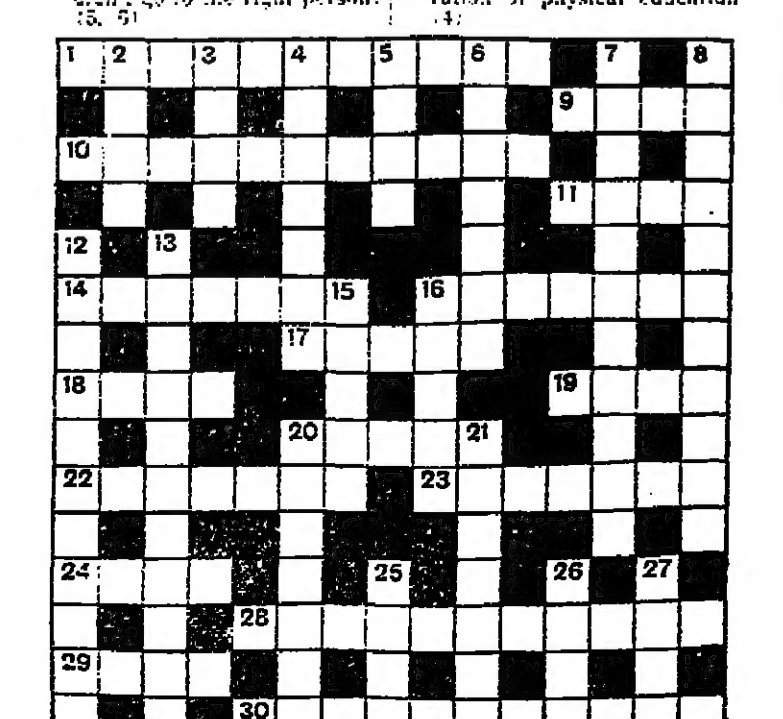
Lawson exempted 850,000 of the lowest-paid Britons from income taxes, but left the basic tax rate of 30 per cent unchanged.



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Hopes of stabilization dashed

TEL AVIV — Expectations that stock prices would begin to stabilize, turned out to be premature yesterday. If anything, selling pressures increased as prices continued to plunge.

The statistics were discouraging. A full 115 securities were "sellers only" with 47 of them in that category for the second session. The management of the exchange has sent out a warning to all its members to act with due caution and only to accept sell orders for those securities if they are accompanied by a price limit.

In addition to the long list of "sellers only" 238 issues traded with losses that were more than five per cent and in some instances as high as 40 and even 50 per cent. The two securities which were battered by margins of just over 40 per cent were Ararat Insurance 0.1 and Yehalom Hotels.

The Wolfson shares were down 30 per cent. On the plus side one could only locate five "buyers only" situations, and 10 securities which were able to eke out gains of five per cent or more.

Turnovers in the share market were at \$1.1 billion. They would have been considerably higher if not for the 115 "sellers only" shares, which were not traded at all. The "sellers only" regulation continues to unsettle the market, especially since it creates situations where shares are traded without any price restraint.

An ever broader circle of individuals is blaming the Treasury for the current market plunge. The thinking is that the Finance Minister did not blunt out unthinkingly his warning against stock market investments. The suggestion is that it was his intention to do so and this was reinforced by yesterday's action of the Bank of Israel. The central bank moved in to support the bank shares part of the

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"agreement, but only after prices had fallen by up to five per cent." It was not clear to anybody, however, how the Treasury stood to benefit from a falling market. Perhaps the Treasury wants to divert the public's attention from the market and make investors more inclined to place funds in longer-term investment schemes," suggested one observer.

The index-linked bond market was mixed, on a turnover of just under \$1745 million. Today the Central Bureau of Statistics will publish the February index, which is expected to be 12-13 per cent.

The shekel was devalued by 65 agorot. The dollar, for its part, continued to lose ground against European currencies.

Among the "agreement" shares, those of the General Bank were a full 5 per cent lower. Others in the group declined by more moderate margins.

Shares not included in the "agreement" declined more sharply. Danot 1 and 5, as was to be expected in the wake of rumours about liquidity difficulties, were 10 per cent lower. While no figures are available from the company, it has been suggested that the company suffered severe losses from investments in the now defunct Koteret Rashi newspaper and the Goldwasser gold chain manufacturing business.

Fibi and First International were down by more than six per cent. Ten per cent losses appeared to be the order of the day in the mortgage bank sector.

In the specialized financial in-

stitution group the performance was repeated. The Clal Leasing securities wound up as "sellers only."

In the insurance sector, besides the 40.2 per cent drop in the price of the Ararat 0.1 shares, there were some very sharp declines. Yardenia 0.1 was 31.3 per cent lower, while the 0.5 shares lost 19.4 per cent. Securities lost 17.1 per cent. Aryeh was down by ten per cent for the third consecutive session. Most of the other issues suffered ten per cent losses or were in the "sellers only" list.

The service and trade group had a bevy of major losers, in addition to Yehalom Hotels. Azorim was "sellers only" for the second session. Its option was down 39.3 per cent. Amnionim was 39.5 per cent lower.

Losses of 10-15 per cent were common among other issues in the land development, real estate and citrus plantation group.

Inordinately heavy losses were also recorded in the industrial group. United Spinners 5 was 22.1 per cent lower, while hapless Alaska Sportlife saw its 1 share collapse by 36.2 per cent. Eiten 1 fell by 22.7 per cent. Maquette 0.5 was down 20.7 per cent. Elco 0.1 was down 20 per cent. Elbit and Elron were unchanged, among high-technology stocks.

Apparently there has been much arbitrage action in the Elbit shares, which are traded both in the U.S. and on the local market. However, as the Elbit shares fell in Israel their \$2 advantage over the American issue was wiped out. Aris was down nine per cent, Hamasul 5 was clipped for a 21 per cent loss.

Gabriel Investments will debut today and will begin trading from a base of 800.

Most active stocks	Volume	Value
Leumi	2300	\$8,403.2m.
IDB	2385	\$7,801.7m.
Yehalom	3600	\$9,746.4m.
Shares traded:	181,041	\$1,041.2m.
Convertible:	181,041	\$1,041.2m.
Bonds:	181,041	\$1,041.2m.

Commercial Banks

Share	Price	Change	%
OHF	1636	14	-10.0
Mazda	666	905	-48
Mazda 0.5	340	1878	-9
N. American	5961	386	n.c.
N. American 5	4701	301	n.c.
N. Am. op 1	2547	1566	-28
Danot 1	550	572	-61
Danot 5	115	3685	-13
Danot 2	334	531	-17
First Int'l 0.5	405	2096	-21
FIBI 0.5	320	7351	-22

Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")

Share	Price	Change	%
IDB	127850	-	-
IDB 1	5285	1477	-160
IDB 5	3500	278	-200
IDB 10	3500	278	-200
IDB 11	3965	878	n.c.
Union 0.1	3930	471	-145
Discount B	6850	3	-150
Discount A	6760	206	-24
Discount C	5734	3	n.c.
Discount D	475	69	-45
Mizrahi 1	2180	3095	-80
Mizrahi 5	2560	20	n.c.
Mizrahi 11	4185	69	n.c.
Mizrahi 12	1630	183	-17
Mizrahi 13	18800	146	n.c.
Mizrahi 14	4545	5	-205
Hapoelim 1	3600	1937	-85
Hapoelim 5	3605	146	-22
Hapoelim 11	13900	1	n.c.
General A	23300	-	-131
General B	9090	1	n.c.
General C	7340	-	n.c.
General D	466	154	-16
Leumi 0.1	12500	10	-23
Leumi 0.5	9250	10	-23
Leumi 1	234	233	-10
Leumi 5	3230	3	n.c.
Leumi 11	1760	18	-22
Leumi 12	3277	4	-5

Mortgage Banks

Share	Price	Change	%
Adanin 0.1	1305	81	-145
Gen. Mortgage	1622	1099	-10
Gen. Mortgage 5	1622	27	-150
Gen. Mortgage 10	1302	-	-100
Carmel 0.1	810	54	-140
Carmel 5	205	712	-5
Carmel 10	1885	501	-99
Dev. Mortgage	619	501	-33
Dev. Mortgage 5	619	501	-33
Dev. Mortgage 10	650	76	-110
Dev. Mortgage 11	4380	24	-35
Independence	2420	21	-170
Tefatoh 1	1495	5	-100
Tefatoh 5	1239	89	-12
Tefatoh 10	530	147	-83
Tefatoh 11	257	1773	-3
Jaysour 1	271	200	-30
Jaysour 5	252	57	-28
Jaysour 10	324	1045	-36

Financial Institutions

Share	Price	Change	%
Shilon	183	1305	-13
Shilon 5	1619	3	-1
Agriculture A	1400	-	-900
Agriculture C	1330	-	-60
Leumi Ind	1167	108	-130
Leumi Ind 5	1167	108	-130
Dev. Mortgage B	8400	-	-700
Dev. Mortgage C	21000	2	n.c.
Dev. Mortgage D	21000	1	n.c.
Dev. Mortgage E	6213	-	-17
Dev. Mortgage F	159	290	-17
Tourism	14010	-	-10
Clal Lease 0.1	613	501	-32
Clal Lease 0.5	361	501	-19
Clal Lease 10	970	82	-19

Bank of Israel exchange rates

March 14, 1984	IS
U.S. dollar	145.77
British sterling	215.33
German mark	57.154
French franc	18.526
Dutch guilder	50.623
Swiss franc	69.028
Swedish krona	19.081
Norwegian krone	19.671
Danish krone	15.605
Finnish mark	26.308
Canadian dollar	174.46
Australian dollar	140.76
South African rand	121.62
Belgian franc (10)	27.931
Austrian schilling (10)	81.139
Italian lire (1000)	91.969
Japanese yen (100)	65.529
Irish pound	174.63
Spanish peseta (100)	98.727
Jordanian dinar	395.04
Lebanese lira	26.750
Egyptian pound	127.18

Insurance

Share	Price	Change	%
Aryeh	633	612	-70
Aryeh 5	481	286	-70
Aryeh 10	481	286	-70
Aryeh 11	481	286	-70
Aryeh 12	481	286	-70
Aryeh 13	481	286	-70
Aryeh 14	481	286	-70
Aryeh 15	481	286	-70
Aryeh 16	481	286	-70
Aryeh 17	481	286	-70
Aryeh 18	481	286	-70

Trade & Services

Share	Price	Change	%
Meir Ezra	378	453	-42
Meir Ezra 5	278	54	n.c.
Teta 1	270	232	-52
Teta 5	157	338	-8
Teta 10	60	624	-10
Teta 11	463	609	52
Clal Trade	786	501	-114
Crystal 1	162	304	-83
Rapac 0.1	1210	4	-1
Rapac 0.5	259	62	-13
Supernol 1	1442	115	-10
Supernol 5	692	1349	-77
Supernol 10	410	528	-35
Supernol 11	324	110	n.c.
Supernol 12	239	61	-29
Supernol 13	168	25	n.c.

Services

Share	Price	Change	%
Delek	1897	295	-145
Harel 1	700	38	-25
Harel 5	301	7	-19
Lighthouse 0.1	552	239	-61
Lighthouse 0.5	314	1292	-35
Cold Store 0.1	1462	17	n.c.
Cold Store 1	6442	17	n.c.
Israel Elec.	1	no trading	-
Bond Ware 0.1	443	277	-30
Bond Ware 0.5	19	277	-30
Bond Ware 1	158	277	-33
Consolid 0.1	410	258	-35
Consolid 0.5	324	110	n.c.
Consolid 1	239	61	-29
Kopel 1	239	61	-29
Kopel 5	168	25	n.c.

Hotels, Tourism

Share	Price	Change	%
Galei Zohar	715	57	n.c.
Galei Zohar 5	234	92	-100
Dan Hotel 1	220	18	n.c.
Dan Hotel 5	440	234	-30
Coral Beach	317	200	n.c.
Kenes	261	68	-1
Yarden Hotel	251	434	-15
Yarden Hotel 5	121	319	-24
Yehalom	177	466	-120
Yehalom op	205	502	-15

Computers

Share	Price	Change	%
Data	260	91	-18
Hilon 1	482	159	-30
Hilon 5	788	107	-112
Yazac	1276	68	-225
Yazac op	1050	26	-100
Clal Comp	561	501	-30
Clal Comp op	1181	10	n.c.
M.L.L. 1	300	10	-50
M.L.L. 5	480	48	-25
M.L.L. op	337	25	-54
Mahov	294	12	n.c.
Nikur 1	304	214	-55
Nikur 5	172	237	-40
Nikur op	164	501	-11
Team op	125	125	-55
Team 5	940	7	n.c.

Real Estate, Building

Share	Price	Change	%
Oron	241	453	-42
Azorum Prop.	412	502	-21
Azorum op	207	1298	-134
Eilon	104	502	-5
Eilon op	55	260	-9
El-Rov 1	152	602	-27
El-Rov 5	509	n.c.	-
Amnionim	153	361	-100
Amnionim op	95	334	-5
Africa Isr. 0.1	2160	157	-303
Africa Isr. 0.5	1900	90	-200
Africa Isr. 1	149	501	-148
Azaron	141	273	-23
Azaron op	602	53	-5
Azaron 5	198	598	-22
Ben Yakar 1	293	502	-48
Ben Yakar 5	217	501	-9
Baranowitz 1	170	502	-9
Baranowitz 5	140	502	-7
Baranowitz op	136	501	-7
Danokur	184	1701	-152
Drucker 1	240	501	-12
Drucker 5	113	594	-12
Drucker op	104	479	-21

Electronics, Optics

Share	Price	Change	%
Neuchusan 0.1	332	171	+8
Neuchusan 0.5	208	147	-23
Neuchusan op	42	835	+1
Arad	254	501	-13
Arad op	152	492	-43
Arad 5	418	188	-40
Arad 10	408	19	-86
King 5	321	5	-70
King op	235	111	-35
Khl 1	463	79	-52
Khl 5	325	501	-17
Khl op	475	119	-50
Sheladot op	310	106	-29
Lachish 1	640	63	-40
Lachish 5	440	29	-40
Lachish op	745	-	-

Electronics, Optics

Share	Price	Change	%
Elbit 1	51099	6	n.c.
Elbit 5	83000	1	n.c.
Elco 0.1	464	144	-116
Elco 0.5	250	533	-25
Elco 1	361	20	-50
Elco 5	361	20	-50
Electra 0.1	320	269	-233
Electra 0.5	320	269	-233
Electra 1	379	501	-39
Electra 5	54293	4	n.c.
Avi	1545	117	-150
Avi op	1408	19	-104
Clal Electronics	1187	2195	-132
Spectronix 1	2000	52	-170
Spectronix 5	1750	36	-180
Spectronix op	2694	24	-119
Feuchtwanger	191	366	-151
Feuchtwanger 5	122	502	-12
Cyclone 1	569	501	-30
Cyclone 5	252	501	-13
Cyclone op	220	234	-17
Katz Adler 1	128	124	-14
Katz Adler 5	685	80	-70
T.A.T. 1	346	47	-38
T.A.T. op	557	122	-90
Tedes op	556	501	-29

Building Materials

14	-17.6	Agriculture
14	-3.0	
14	—	
9	-10.1	
12	-10.0	
12	-16.2	
8	+5.4	
10	-14.3	
12	-10.1	
4	-12.7	
13	-33.9	
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3	-4.8	
4	-10.0	
7	-10.0	
16	-17.0	

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Freezing the boiler

BY REFRAINING from presenting an economic programme which even his cabinet colleagues have demanded, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad has enjoyed the great advantage of keeping his cards close to his chest. By not committing himself to any plan, he can swing this way and that without embarrassment.

Nevertheless, the Finance Minister's sudden turnabout announced yesterday, from giving top priority to the balance of payments at the price of letting inflation soar, to a set of proposals that seeks to halt inflation at one fell stroke, was bewildering. Cohen-Orad now proposes to freeze the exchange rate